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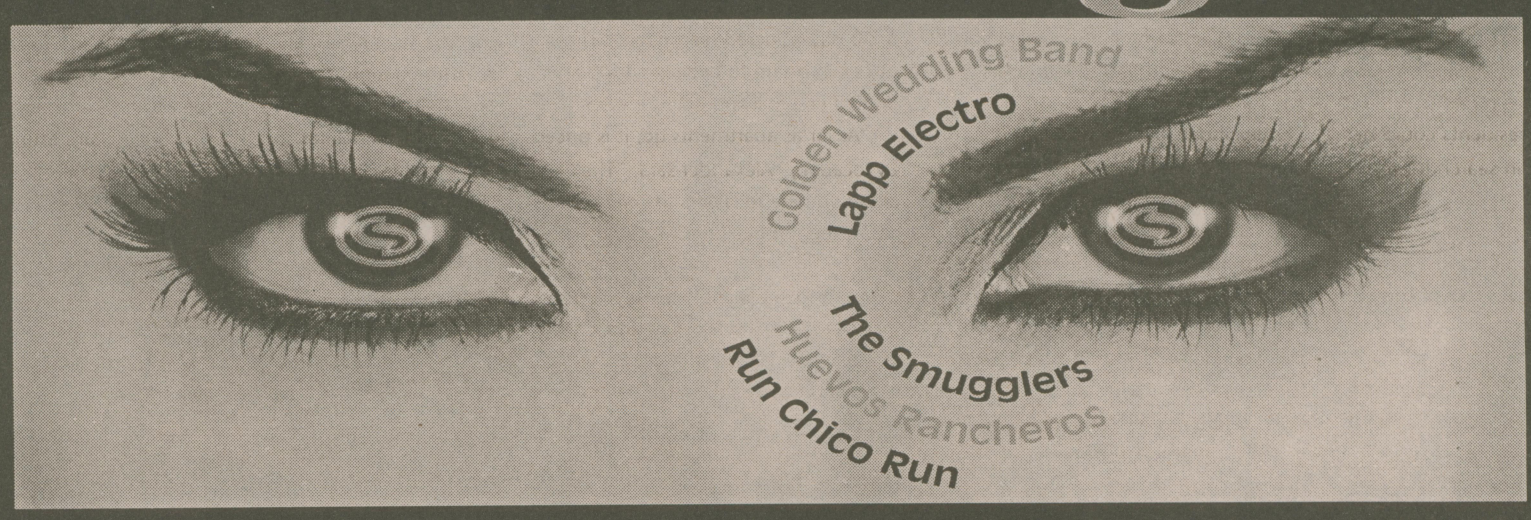

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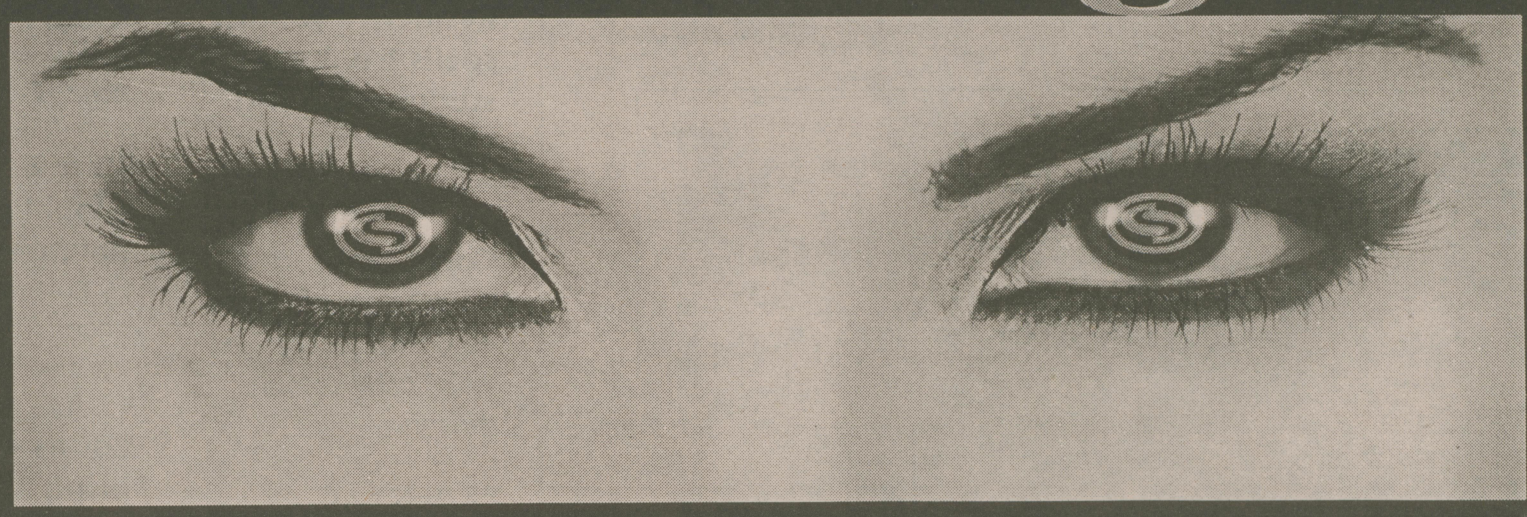

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Liberals cut 67 on-campus student jobs

by Kevin Groves

Provincial Finance Minister Gary Collins has cut a government program that would have employed 67 UVic students this year. The Public Sector Youth Employment Program (PSYE) would have spent $800,000 to hire students for jobs at colleges, universities, and school districts.

Although work-study positions remain unaffected, university leaders predict that competition for the jobs will increase next September.

Last year, the PSYE program employed 173 students province-wide who did not have a student loan, unlike work-study positions that required the applicant to be on financial assistance in order to be accessible.

At UVic, the cut will affect 25 positions in Student and Ancillary Services, 20 positions in Fine Arts, 15 positions in the Biochemistry/ Microbiology department, six positions in the Maltwood Art Gallery, and one position in the University Secretary's Office. Edward Ishiguro, Chair of the Biochemistry/Microbiology faculty is furious with the cuts and feels that the implications for his department are severe.

"It's devastating for us," Ishiguro said. "Not only will our students be affected financially, but they will also lose valuable technical experience. Most likely we will now have to use our research money to fund these positions, and I don't know how we can do that."

Jennifer Margison, Manager of UVic Career Services said that her office was not made aware by the PSYE council that the program, and UVic's chunk amounting to about $147 500, was in danger of being cut until the first week of August. On several occasions during the summer she asked about it and was assured by the financial manager that funding was in place for this year but the future was "uncertain."

"That's what is particularly distressing about this situation," she said. "Had we known earlier we could have put those jobs back into the work-study pot, but it's too late now."

But PSYE council spokesman Michael Lancaster said that Career Services was told immediately after the decision was made and should never have counted on getting funding in the first place.

"The [PSYE] council has always been clear that postings shouldn't have been made until the money is allocated," Lancaster said. "UVic wouldn't have gotten the money for 67 positions anyway."

Lancaster added that Collins, who was unavailable for comment, plans to reallocate the money from PSYE into other "core government services," though none were specified.

UVSS Chair Jaime Matten said she is concerned about the cut, and its inevitable affects on youth in BC, and wonders what else is in store for students.

"It's ridiculous, really." Matten said. "We just saw 400 million dollars go in corporate tax cuts. Obviously denying youth opportunity is part of paying for them, which is completely inappropriate for the BC Liberals to do. The tuition freeze could be next."

To deal with the current problem, campus officials are attempting to find alternative sources of funding to provide departments with at least some of the student employees that were expected before the cut, but the outlook isn't promising.

"Basically I'm trying to salvage what I can," said David Clode, executive director of Student and Ancillary Services. "Right now, we're looking for carryovers from last year or any other sources that could be used, but unless there's slippage in the work study program I don't think we're going to be very successful."

One question that still remains unanswered is what the university plans to do to employ students in future years. Campus officials are currently looking at reallocating the old PSYE jobs into the work-study program, but critics believe that this measure would limit the pool of students who can access positions and discriminate against those who are trying to avoid loan debt.

"It basically means that to get a campus job in your field and get work experience you have to go on student loan and go through work study, which doesn't make any sense if you want to avoid debt," said Trina Demonye, a UVic Biology student who obtained her current position with the Centre for Environmental Health through the PSYE program.

"That's unfair for those who don't want to get a student loan."

Summer McFadyen, BC Chair of the Canadian Federation of Students said the government should offset the long-term costs of employing students and provide UVic and other campuses affected with core funding. She said the CFS is currently seeking a meeting with the Minister of Advanced Education and the Minister of Finance to address this issue.

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Looking for a campus job? No student loan? Look somewhere else.

Residence waitlist spells trouble for student housing

by Lorna Mace

One thousand UVIC students are currently on the waitlist for on-campus residences.

That means that as of September at least 1,000 Victoria residents could be without homes and in search for an apartment or suite.

Deana Alexander, the University of Victoria's off-campus housing representative, provides one of the resources offered to help students find a home. Alexander believes that a higher attendance at UVic, along with the number of UVic graduates inclined to stay in Victoria, are among some of the reasons for the shortage.

"Many people are sticking around and looking for work," she said. "We are a great location: mountains and beaches, and relatively inexpensive to live."

The fact that students tend to have a bad reputation as tenants can make the search for a home even more difficult, she added.

"Either [landlords] have had bad experiences with students, or they believe that at university/college age it's all about parties and loud music," she said.

Alexander said the problem is commonly faced by most UVic students and the university may take steps to address it in the future.

"I think students in general are having a hard time," Alexander said. "The university has recognized that there is not enough campus housing for first year students, and does plan to build residences in the next couple of years to try and accommodate every first year student."

Alexander also wondered whether landlords take advantage of the desperation for living arrangements.

"I had someone post an ad for a three-bedroom house, in a not very great neighbourhood, at $1500 plus utilities," she said. "I think that is a bit outrageous."

"However, it took less than twenty-four hours for it to be gone."

For shared living situations, $250 to $400 is considered reasonable. Those rates can go up to between $400 and $600 if you're living on your own.

"As far as apartments go, it is priced by location," Alexander said. "The closer you are to UVic and central areas, the more expensive it's going to be."

As Victoria expands, there will be an increased demand for more living spaces, especially for the younger population, she said.

"The easy answer would be more housing and more affordable housing in Victoria," Alexander said. "A lot of the homes are older and do not accommodate more than two to three people per house. As ugly as apartment buildings are, we do need more around campus."

Among the Victoria papers that include listings are the Now Renting guide, Monday Magazine and the Newsgroup papers (such as The Saanich/Victoria News). These provide many of the advertisements for apartments, houses, and shared living accommodations. Some companies exist that will hunt for a place for you using your guidelines.

Students are also encouraged to use the services provided by UVic to find a home for the fall. The housing office has an off-campus board posting that is updated every day to accommodate new listings. That is, of course, if there are listings to be posted.

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Corporate logos to be guests of honour at UVSS party

by John Thompson

A dose of beer, music and corporate sponsorship – three great things that go well together – will welcome this year's UVic students back to campus this fall.

The student society's big welcome back party on September 14th outside the SUB will be funded by banner advertisements lining the security fence during the event.

"They'll be outside, but it's not a complete sell-off of what we stand for," UVSS Chairperson Jaime Matten said. "We want to have a big party, we want to offer a big event, but we also can't afford it."

Matten stressed that the ads are just going to be up for one night. The UVSS decided to use the banner ads at a June 23rd Board of Directors meeting. After an hour of discussion, the board voted 10-2 in favour of the banner ads. Director of Academics Sarah Webb and Director at Large Adam Peters voted against the motion.

"I know that we are in a financial bind, but we have to make sure that our message to corporations is consistent, as well as our message to students," Peters said. He said he is concerned about the first impression new students will have of the SUB.

This isn't the first time the student society has taken flack for its inconsistent stance on corporate involvement. Many students saw the society's 1998 exclusivity deal with Pepsi (good until 2008) as two-faced, given the UVSS and Canadian Federation of Students (CFS) campaigns against corporate involvement in universities. The cola battles were always a shift from one big brand to another. Prior to the Pepsi exclusivity deal, the UVSS had a similar contract with Coke.

Corporate billboards are increasingly intrusive in public space, even classrooms. Down the street, Camosun College's Young building was recently refurbished by corporate donors, and the rooms now bear the names of their corporate benefactors, like Toronto Dominion Bank. Matten insists there's a big difference between the Society's kickback from Pepsi, or the SUB banner ads, and corporate donations to post-secondary institutions.

"We see it very differently," she said. "Our anti-corporate involvement on campus involves corporations compromising academic integrity."

She says corporate donors receive perks like seats on curriculum development committees, faculty advising committees, and provide input on who is elected into chair positions. Given that public and private interests often conflict, Matten said this growing corporate influence doesn't bode well for the integrity of post-secondary institutions.

As for the Society's own level of corporate involvement, Matten says it needs to be judged on a case-by-case basis. In the case of the SUB party, Matten said banner ads will be attached to the security fence, but no strings will be attached elsewhere. At press time, few additional details were available, such as the size of the ads, whose they will be and how much revenue they'll generate.

Matten added that the reaction of students will determine whether advertising will be used in the future to fund events. Peters also thinks it is important that students voice their opinions on the issue. "Do students want their building to be a multi-corporate billboard?" he asked.

Both Matten and Peters believe the ads will, if anything, spur some much needed dialogue on campus.

"That's a discussion that needs to happen," Matten said. "Many students don't understand why we oppose corporate involvement on campus. And if this charges that dialogue? Fabulous."

Coke deal might cost UBC money

by Ai Lin Choo

VANCOUVER (CUP) — The University of British Columbia may lose some of the private funding it receives if students and faculty don't start drinking more Coca-Cola.

According to the terms of a recently revealed exclusivity contract with the soft drink bottler, UBC is required to purchase 33,600,000 cans or bottles of Coke over a 10-year period, ending in 2005.

If the university fails to meet its target consumption, Coke has the right to continue to provide soft drinks on campus exclusively for an additional two years, with no funding for the university during the additional period.

UBC is not currently on schedule to meet its consumption quota.

Steve Clark, Coca-Cola's Western Canada spokesperson, confirmed that UBC's minimum consumption requirements were not being met, but said it was still too early to judge what the situation would look like in a few years.

"We're kind of in the middle of the deal. We're working closely with the university and the [student association] to put a plan into place to achieve the original goals of the agreement," he said.

According to Erfan Kazemi, the president of the university's student association, extending the exclusivity deal with Coke by two years could limit other sources of funding the association receives.

The association would not be able to draw funding from another soft drink bottler if Coke was able to provide beverages exclusively for two years at no charge.

Arts Undergraduate Society representative Rob Nagai said the student association currently depends on the Coke revenue and might have to consider other deals in the future to offset the funding loss when the Coke contract expires.

"The money, once you've got used to it, is hard to get rid of," he said.

Under the contract with Coke, UBC receives close to $8.5 million over 10 years. To date, the university has used the funding to improve disability access, student services, the library, and to compensate UBC Food Services and UBC Athletics for the losses they incurred as a result of the exclusivity deal. The student association receives about 29 per cent of the sponsorship money.

The terms of the contract between the university and Coke had been kept secret until earlier this summer when the B.C. Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner ruled that UBC and Coca-Cola were obligated to disclose details of their agreement.

The ruling came in response to a court challenge initiated by the Ubyssey and the Capilano Courier. The papers took legal action to have the agreement made public five years ago after a Ubyssey reporter was denied an access to information request.

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Disney wins top honor at sweatshop awards ceremony

by David Leibl

TORONTO (CUP) — Pay workers a pittance, force them to work more than 80 hours per week and house them in cramped, crowded dorms.

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Citing disturbing labor practices overseas, The Maquila Solidarity Network (MSN) named Disney "Sweatshop Retailer of the Year" last summer during a mock awards ceremony outside the Metro Toronto Convention Centre. Inside the building, the Retail Council of Canada was having its own awards presentation, handing accolades to corporations like Home Depot, Rogers and Wal-Mart.

The MSN points to a searing report from the Hong Kong Christian Industrial Committee (CIC) documenting working conditions in 12 Disney supply factories in China. According to the CIC, the migrant women making Disney toys and clothes are forced to work up to 16 hours a day, six or seven days a week, for as little as $90CAD a month. In one factory, more than 20 workers were crowded into single dorm rooms and slept on triple-decker bunk beds. Workers interviewed by the CIC also complained of being fined for talking at work and for forgetting to turn off the lights in their factory dorm rooms.

Bob Jeffcott, a policy analyst with MSN, says the mock awards ceremony is an attempt to direct public attention towards the employment practices of corporations like Disney that are generally considered wholesome, family-oriented companies.

"It's surprising and shocking to a lot of people that a company like [Disney] is exploiting migrant workers," Jeffcottsaid.

Disney spokesperson Ken Green denied Disney was responsible for the alleged labor abuses. Disney doesn't own the supply factories that produce Disney products, he said, but rather contracts out to manufacturing outlets.

During its mock ceremony, the MSN also recognized Wal-Mart as the recipient of its "Smokescreen Award" for allegedly misleading customers about the corporation's association with a Chinese factory producing Kathie Lee handbags. The MSN charges factory workers were reportedly locked in the plant for all but one hour a day, forced to work up to 90 hours a week and were physically abused if they talked back to management.

Ironically, at its own awards ceremony, the Retail Council of Canada named Wal-Mart as a finalist in its "Socially Responsible Retailer" category for "community involvement, health-related or environmental causes."

Retail Council spokesperson Pamela Addo referred calls to president and CEO Diane Brisebois. Brisebois did not return calls.

The MSN also recognized Liz Claiborne for increased transparency and gave Mountain Equipment Coop an "honorary picket fence award." Jeffcott says Liz Claiborne is "far from sweat-free" but has agreed to make public a highly critical report on factory conditions released by COVERCO, an independent Guatemalan monitoring organization. Mountain Equipment Coop was recognized for a code of conduct the MSN says doesn't mention child labor, hours of work or the right to bargain collectively.

Tanya Roberts-Davis, a Trent University student and member of Students Against Sweatshops-Canada, says she hopes events like MSN's awards ceremony will draw attention to an industry where contracting cheap labor overseas has become the norm.

"It's incredibly important to support these workers," Roberts-Davis said. "Everybody needs dignity."

Funding still low despite universities' record revenues

by David Leibl

TORONTO (CUP) - Universities raked in a record $14.9-billion in revenue in 1999/00, but education groups say students are hardly getting a share of the spoils.

Statistics Canada reported last week the three levels of government spent nearly $1.1 billion more on universities in 1999/00 than the year before.

Despite the increase in revenue, governments are currently only funding universities at levels received years ago.

"Government grants and contracts account for 55 per cent of the total revenues, which is unchanged from levels in 1998/99," said Liam Arbuckle, the national director of the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations.

Canadian Federation of Students chair Ian Boyko said the recent jump in revenues is misleading.

"A lot of the money, especially from the federal government, is being directed at research only. We haven't seen any sort of marked decline in tuitions over the same period."

The Canadian Association of University Teachers (CAUT) says the provinces are the worst offenders. The association released a new study on Friday indicating provincial spending on colleges and universities fell 3.2 per cent in 2000/01over the previous year.

"The latest funding decline means real per capita expenditures are now about 20 per cent below the levels of 1992/93," the report notes. "Put another way, to bring provincial spending back to where it was in 1992/93 would require an immediate investment of more than $2-billion."

The CAUT says funding declines were greatest in Ontario and Alberta, falling 9.0 and 5.6 per cent respectively.

The CAUT's associate executive director David Robinson says funding between the provinces is becoming increasingly disproportionate.

"We really see a fracturing of the post-secondary education system. There are much more pronounced provincial variations developing," Robinson said.

According to Statistics Canada, funding to post-secondary institutions varies dramatically from province-to-province.

Quebec and Newfoundland provided nearly two-thirds of universities' total revenue in 1999/00, whereas Ontario and Nova Scotia paid less than half.

Tuition fees also continue to rise. Although several provinces have provided tuition freezes in recent years, universities charged students a whopping 18.3 per cent more in ancillary fees in 1999/00 over the previous year. (Ancillary fees are compulsory charges universities levy against students for things like registration, athletic services and endowments.)

Overall, students paid $256-million more in tuition and related fees in 1999/00.

The Statistics Canada report also indicates universities spent nearly 18 per cent less on buildings in 1999/00 than was spent in 1994/95. Institutions spent slightly more on salaries and benefits in 1999/00, although they now spend about seven per cent less on salaries than in 1994/95.

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New director of finance set to shake up UVSS books

by Kevin Groves

Jonas Gifford seems relaxed.

The new director of finance is working overtime to help balance the University of Victoria Student Society's books, but he's always got time to share a laugh. On the wall above his workspace is a picture of himself in a blonde wig.

"Everyone around the office thinks I make a good-looking woman," he said with a chuckle.

But Gifford is very serious when it comes to society finances this year. He has a new budget and plans to slash the UVSS debt this fiscal year. He's six months into his mandate this year, and has inherited an $8.5 million student society that carries an accumulated debt of about $370 000 dating back to the late 1980's.

Still, he remains optimistic and looks favorably on the UVSS's current financial situation when compared to the budget just four years ago. At that time, Royal Bank, the society's main creditor, threatened to withdraw financial support in the summer season because of the debt.

"That was a very scary time for [the UVSS]," he said. "But recently they extended our credit, so they're more than happy with the way we do business now."

What has made the suits at Royal Bank breathe easier is the society's slow progress toward the black in recent years, thanks largely to the work of SUB General Manager Doug Ausman and Gifford's predecessors. This year, the society is making a huge push to pay off the debt and hopes to be in the clear by 2006. Gifford plans to contribute to this plan by budgeting for a $93 500 surplus, which, if successful, will be the biggest in UVSS history.

"It's very tentative at this point, but I'm really excited about it," he said.

He plans to accomplish this piece of financial wizardry by budgeting conservatively, and not counting on large revenues from the SUB Business Operations Division (BOD), as was the case under previous year's directors of Finance.

"We won't be able to spend the kind of money we did last year, but that's a responsibility that we have to take as a society that has accumulated debt," Gifford said.

Even if it sounds like the Society will be pinching pennies this year, Gifford's budget gets the nod of approval from the movers and shakers in the SUB. Those at the top believe that he can pull off the numbers he is quoting without significant cuts to student services.

"Obviously, the sooner we can pay off that debt, the faster we can give money back to students," UVSS Chair Jaime Matten said. "[Gifford] should be able to get the surplus he's budgeted for, and he's really committed to paying down the debt."

Areas of particular concern in Gifford's budget include modest budgeting for the members of the BOD who's profits were down last year. Preliminary estimates on Cinecenta, for instance, expect the theatre to bank about $62 500 this year, rather than the $151 500 it netted in April of 2000 when the projectionist's strike was in its final months.

Cinecenta Manager Lisa Sheppard believes that this will be a good year for the theatre because of events surrounding a planned 30th anniversary celebration.

"That event will have extra promotions which should draw in more people," she said.

Gifford also plans to budget for almost $20 000 less on Zap's expected income by this April due to the lowering of library costs on photocopying, despite the student copy shop being the third highest moneymaker in the BOD.

Zap Manager Al Bishop agrees that the library decrease did affect the shop's business in terms of copier volume but still feels that Zap has the competitive edge over the library. "We provide students with things like feeders, sorters, and staplers, as well as better service than the library and students know that," he said.

How Gifford and SUB mangers will deal with Vertigo, typically a big money loser, is still a big question. The club's losses to-date account for about half the cumulated deficit. Vertigo managed to lose an estimated $26, 500 last year and remains the least likely business in the BOD to turn a profit.

Club performance during the first term this year will determine whether the club will sink or swim as Vertigo naysayers continue to discuss shutting it down. The primary factor will be whether the club can break even by December.

To help remove its negative image, radical changes have been made this year in the way Vertigo will be run. The club will be run on what Ausman calls a "business case" basis, where it will only open if the event is planned and structured to make money. The Society's Meetings and Conference Services staff are also booking non-nightclub type events for the space during the day.

If you're worried about Vertigo becoming a space hungry for the almighty dollar at the expense of quality entertainment you're in for a pleasant surprise said Dave Tillson, the club's new Event Programmer.

"If everyone is enjoying themselves then more people will want to join them," Tillson said. "I want the student body to stay and have fun at Vertigo."

Tillson is currently working on a new and diverse Vertigo program that should have something for everyone, including a 70's disco funk night similar to the old Player's Ball that used to be thrown at Neptune Soundbar. He will also be working toward bringing in big name DJ's and bands, which he knows will make money "because finances will be the big issue with all the booking events," he said.

If money continues to be tight in the SUB, Gifford's conservative budgeting doesn't necessarily mean less quality service to students. While some services are on the chopping block, including hours for the Info Booth and the General Office, Gifford and Ausman both agree that cuts to services will be felt only in areas that students won't really notice.

In fact, Gifford is working hard on providing students with services that he thinks will be quite popular, including late night pizza for after hours party goers and a new juice bar. He is also working on providing students with a cheap source of filtered water.

"If more and more people see the SUB as their business and their services, things that are run for them by them, I think everyone will benefit," he said.

Who is Jonas Gifford?

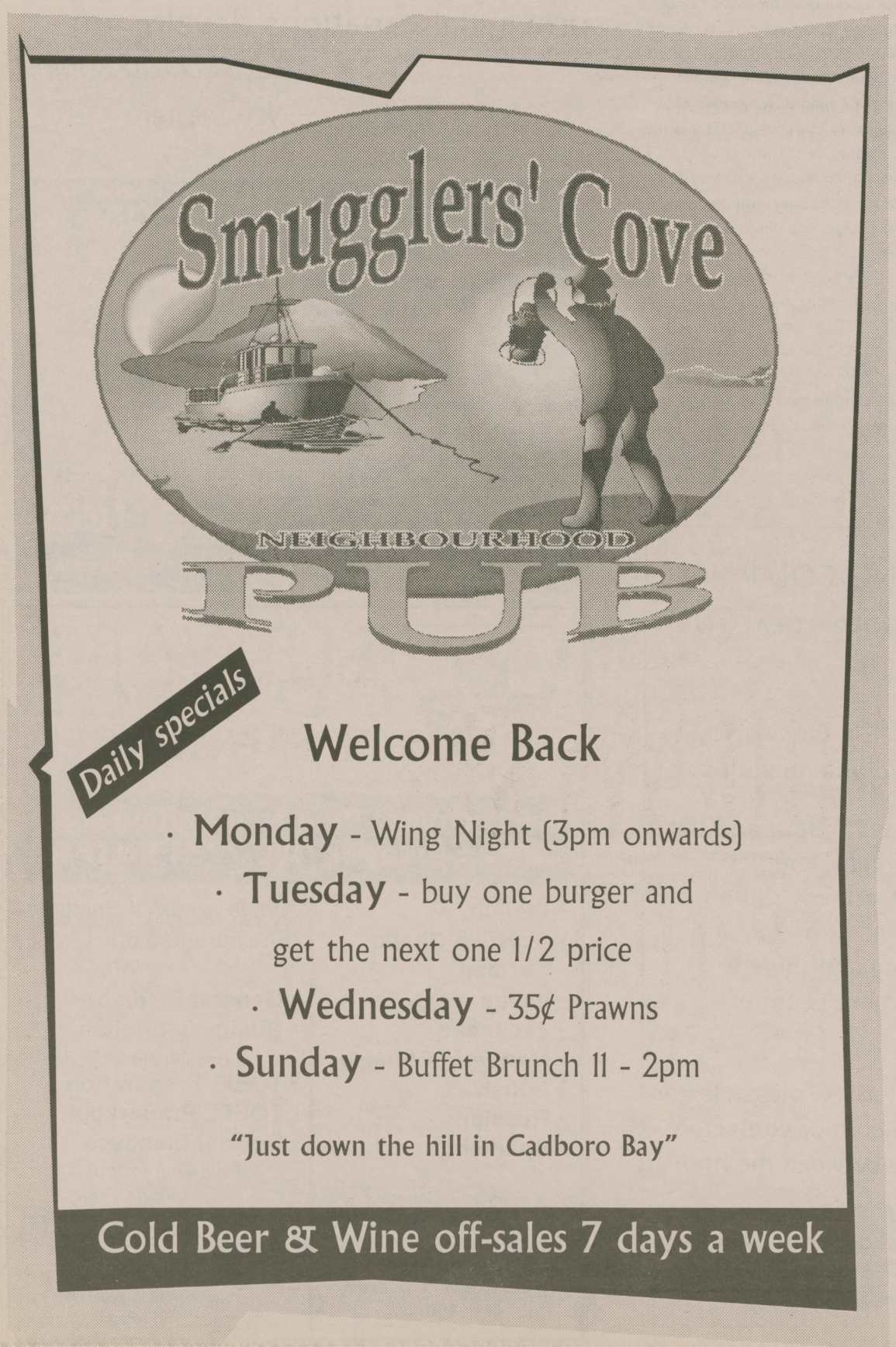
The longest serving member of the current UVSS executive, Jonas Gifford first came to UVic straight out of nearby Mount Douglas Secondary in 1997 as a Physics and Computer Science student.

He spent his first two years in university beating the books until a fateful day in March 1999, when he decided to run for director-at-large under an Independent slate.

"Basically I was tired of school, and wanted to do something else," he said. "Sitting in this chair now, I never knew when I first joined that I'd be helping to manage 200 staff and deal with an $8.5 million budget per year, but what I've learned out of that is really incredible."

Politically, Gifford belives very strongly in the Putting Students First slate's mandate of ensuring that students are aware that they have the right to take a leadership role in their education. He said he's troubled by the national trend toward rising post-secondary education costs.

"Right now if you come from a lower income family in BC, getting an education is a challenge and it looks like it's going to get tougher, which is a big problem," he said. "Being poor is not a reason to be denied an education and limiting it only to those who have money is something that offends me deeply."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Controversial lot discussed for Cathedral Grove

by Alex Mercier

Environmentalists oppose the construction of a parking lot proposed for Cathedral Grove, a popular tourist spot in central Vancouver Island.

Construction of the controversial lot is currently delayed due to budget constraints, but the Western Canada Wilderness Committee (WCWC) said it would disrupt elk on the nearby Cameron River floodplain if it were built.

A planned interpretive centre is expected to increase park visits by 350,000 annually and the parking lot would have room for 200 cars and 20 buses.

The environmental group would prefer to see no development at all on the floodplain, according to Annette Tanner of WCWC, but she said they hope a nodal parking system is used rather than one large lot.

Joyce Murray, minister of Water, Land and Air Protection, said road safety concerns are her priority, and noted the cost estimate for upgrading the road and parking lot is $1.7 million – equivalent to the entire capital budget for BC Parks last year.

"I would say [the parking lot] is on the back burner," she said. "We will work with Highways to address the safety concerns."

The department will focus construction on making roads in the area safer and will reduce speed limits, improve road signs and install pedestrian crossings. The provincial government will also investigate cost-effective options of addressing further safety concerns, including the possibility of charging for parking to pay for an attendant.

Tanner was pleased with the minister's response after Murray toured the site recently with WCWC representatives and highway ministry officials.

"Obviously, she heard what we were saying," Tanner said.

MacMillan Park, part of the forested area known as Cathedral Grove, is a 157 hectare grove of old Douglas fir trees and a popular tourist attraction that draws 650,000 visitors per year to the area. It is located midway between Port Alberni and Parksville north of Victoria. The protected park area is approximately one-quarter of the Cathedral Grove, according to WCWC, and the group has urged the government to either purchase or swap adjacent private land owned by the US-based forest company Weyerhaeuser before it is logged. The company has flagged three new cutblocks of the old growth Douglas fir and was expected to begin logging as soon as this week, according to WCWC.

Tanner said logging could have an indirectly detrimental effect on the park if the large trees are left unsupported by surrounding trees and unprotected from winds which could topple them in a domino effect called a blowdown.

"You can't just have a blob of trees standing by themselves," Tanner said

Murray said she would not rule out a possible swap with the logging company to expand the park sometime in the future.

photo by Tracy James

Cathedral Grove's giant trees could be threatened by logging and parking lots.

Federal funding injects new life into diabetic research

by Stephen Osadetz

EDMONTON (CUP) — A prestigious diabetes research team at the University of Alberta is receiving a federal funding injection that could bring Canada closer to finding a cure for the disease.

The Clinical Islet Transplant Program, led by doctors Greg Korbutt and Ray Rajotte, will receive $1.3 million over five years to continue groundbreaking research that may someday free people with diabetes from daily insulin injections. The team has been lauded for the "Edmonton Protocol" — a technique many hope could be used to cure Type I, or insulin-dependent, diabetes.

Type I diabetes occurs in people whose pancreatic islet cells stop producing insulin, a chemical necessary for maintaining blood glucose levels. High glucose levels in their bloodstreams require those with Type I diabetes to take insulin injections.

The Edmonton team found that when insulin-producing cells were transplanted into a diabetic's pancreas the patient began properly producing insulin and no longer required injections.

The technique remains problematic, however, because the islet cells for transplant are taken from organ donors after death, and up to four donors are required for each transplant.

"There are simply not enough organ donors out there to meet the demand. We have to come up with strategies to produce a larger supply of insulin-producing tissue," Korbutt explained.

The new research dollars will be allocated toward trying to make the islet transplant techniques more efficient and developing a method of transplant that would not require life-long anti-rejection drugs. Korbutt said creating tolerance to islet cells could be one possible strategy for circumventing immune system problems.

Looking to the future, Korbutt says he would like to "treat patients when they get diabetes, not after they have had it for 20-plus years."

Last year, following their first major successes, the University of Alberta's diabetes research team was honored with a visit from Prime Minister Jean Chretien. Researchers around the world have praised the team's discoveries. "Our group is considered to be the leaders in the world right now," Korbutt said.

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Weird Science - Part one

by Philosopher Ken

I'm a scientist of the new school. Old school science is rigid, inflexible and dogmatic. I'm not those. Old school science is isolated, isolating and stresses analysis over synthesis. It stresses "objectivity" over involvement, separation over connection and reason over sense and ethics. I don't. Old school science values theory and math. It prefers manipulation and authority over deep observation, interdisciplinary research and letting things be. Old school ignores consciousness and devalues nature. I don't do any of these either. Old science pretends to have all the answers. Old school science is old news. The new science will blow your mind.

New school science doesn't disregard old science any more than Einstein disregarded Newton. It connects the dots of data building on foundations that came before it while transcending the limits of its predecessors. No thought is ever entirely new and we will humbly discover over time that we often rediscover what has long ago been known already in different eras of history.

Expect to be challenged by the articles I write, as I expect to be challenged on the things I say and together we might make for some very interesting and thought provoking discussions in a public forum.

Observation vs Theory

To briefly kick off the year let's recall Galileo Galilei in the early 17th Century. He was an astronomer trying to get the roman priests to look through his telescope at the moons of Jupiter and thereby disproving the church's theory that everything revolved around the earth. Of course, Galileo lost the battle of his day and was forced to recant his science or be burned at the stake for heresy. Only posterity and truth vindicated him and the vatican forgave him a few years ago.

But dogma is dogma, be it orthodox religion or orthodox science. In 1950, Immanuel Velikovsky published Worlds in Collision, a book that rocked the foundations of history, science and religion in one stroke. Through deep and exhaustive interdisciplinary analysis of historical records, myths and stories by people worldwide, though geology and physics, Velikovsky was able to piece together a stunning work of scholarship that is unsurpassed to this day. It was so explosive at the time that several academics tried to ban its publication, yet its most adherent critics never even read the book.

Velikovsky showed that within human memory the earth has been involved in several celestial catastrophes of near collisions with a comet and planets in our solar system, specifically Venus and Mars. His work not only seriously challenged Darwin's gradual evolution in favour of cataclysmic intervention, but challenged both Newton's and Einstein's notions of gravity in favour of electromagnetic processes governing the solar system and earth. As Einstein was a sort of "high priest" in the 1950's, this didn't go over well.

Velikovsky also challenged the theology and traditional historical versions of events such as the fall of Jericho, the Hebrew exodus, the battle of Troy and the dating of Egypt's middle kingdom. He challenged the mythologists (on par with Schliemann's discovery of Troy through analysis of Homer's Illiad) showing that world myths largely coincide with having experienced these earth shaking events simultaneously. People separated by oceans described these events in similar and coherent terms as others half a world away. For example, the biblical story of Joshua making the sun stop its movement for a day coincides with several South American and Polynesian "myths" of a night of prolonged darkness. Both records describe the same cataclysmic event from different places on earth. As has been said, "a myth is history concealed."

Why am I telling you this stuff? Well my friend Velikovsky had more confirmed predictions about celestial mechanics than Einstein could ever have dreamed of, yet, he was abused, denounced and persecuted by the academics of his day on a scale unseen since Galileo. And the derision continues to this day while "scientists" take credit for his discoveries. The only other scientists to be treated nearly as badly by their peers are Wilhelm Reich and Nikola Tesla, both also pioneers of electromagnetic theories of the cosmos, interestingly enough.

For the time being, my point is that when the old science is challenged by new perspectives its guardians can be as nasty as they can be inflexible, and the best approach to any information is to be open-minded, agnostic, and aware of your biases (so as to reduce them, of course).

No one has a monopoly on truth.

The first article of Weird Science is dedicated to the respectful memory of Immanuel Velikovsky (1895-1979). May he rest with the honour he deserves. If you haven't read any of his works, do yourself a favour and judge for yourself. Hey, think for yourself! Even better.

Woman dead after social service failure

by Kelly Holloway

TORONTO (CUP) The death of student Kimberly Rogers marks a burgeoning crisis in the way that the current governmental system deals with students and poverty according to friends and others in the community where she lived.

Rogers was a 40 year old student studying social services at Cambrian College in Sudbury. She decided to get an education in order to better her lot in life. She was convicted of welfare fraud and put under house arrest because she did not declare social assistance while receiving loans from the Ontario Student Assistance Program (OSAP).

Eight months pregnant, Rogers was confined to her apartment, except for certain restricted occasions, amidst a heat wave that produced sweltering temperatures well above 40C.

She was found dead in early August.

"She never blamed anyone, she just made a mistake," said Amanda Chodura from the Elizabeth Fry Society in Sudbury. Chodura was Rogers' social worker, and visited with her regularly at her home, in a continual effort to raise her spirits.

"They didn't look at the whole picture," said Chodura. She mentioned the legal system's lack of sensitivity towards emotional difficulties. Rogers had her social benefits cut off as a condition of her arrest leaving her without her anti-depressant medication. While the judge has not ruled on the causes of Rogers' death, her lawyer Sean Dewart did not hesitate to speculate.

"I know she lived in a non-air-conditioned confined apartment at the top of an old house, and I know that there was a horrible heat wave at the time. I have no idea that is the cause of death, but I do know that is not a healthy way for anyone to live, and it's particularly odious that we impose that on a woman who was eight months pregnant at the time," he said.

Three years ago, Harris government passed a regulation in cabinet which made anyone convicted of any social assistance fraud ineligible for three months. The regulation is non-discretionary, meaning local administrators of welfare are legally restricted from administering benefits. Rogers was receiving student loans, which must be repaid. She was also receiving welfare benefits, and was therefore supposed to declare her loans so that amount could be deducted from her social assistance. Unable to survive on the amount that she would be left with ($18 after paying her rent), Rogers did not declare her loans. She had no clear means of support. She had no savings, and was unable to obtain assistance from her family or the father of her unborn child.

"As it has been pointed out by many people here in Sudbury, almost all cases of welfare fraud are actually a survival strategy on the part of people living in poverty," said Gary Kinsman, Professor of Sociology at Laurentian University, and activist in Sudbury.

A recent Statistics Canada report stated that tuition fee increases were more than six times the rate of inflation. In addition to this, the Harris government has cut social assistance drastically, while at the same time

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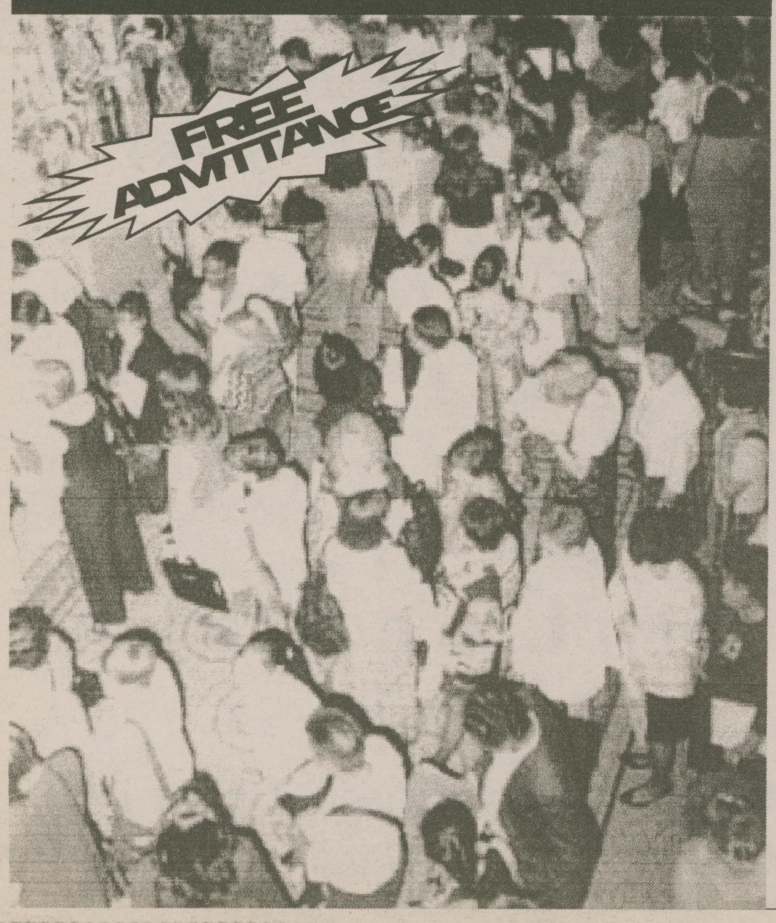

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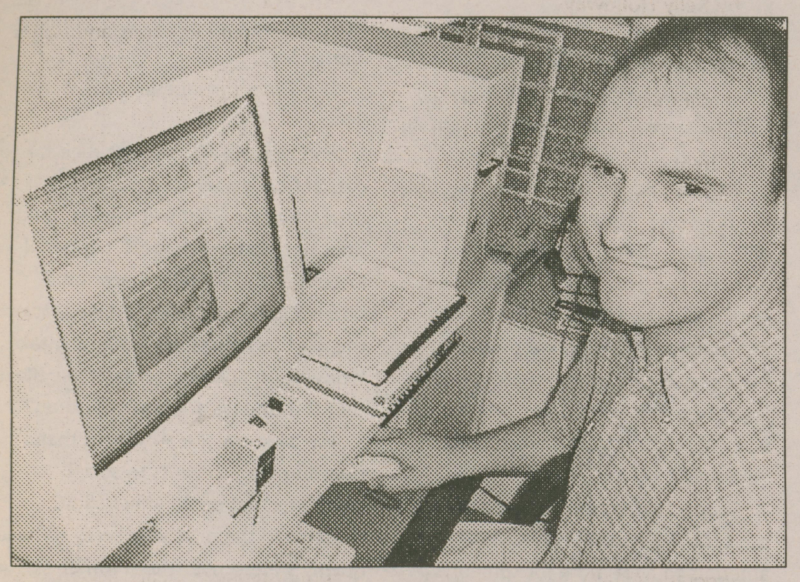

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Jim Forbes hard at work

by Kevin Groves

Sick of endless series of line ups you have to wait in during the first week of school? The new online service at the university bookstore will be a site for your sore eyes.

The bookstore is testing a new online ordering service this September in preparation for the official launching in January. Students using the service can order textbooks on a server similar to amazon.com from any Internet connection and then pick them up from a basement door located under Career Services in the bookstore building with no long line up to slow things down.

"If I'd known that the bookstore was going to do this, I would have used it," said Sol Brown, a fourth year Geography Student braving the chaotic bookstore lineups. "Standing in this line up sucks."

Bookstore manager Jim Forbes said the service was a logical next step after last year's launching of online student booklists, and he feels that it will be a very useful tool in keeping line ups down to a minimum.

"Anyway you look at it we have to move 15,000 students through the bookstore in the two week period of early September, and anything that will shorten those lines will help," Forbes said.

Some bugs the bookstore is trying to iron out include how long it takes to pick an order, how many orders can be shipped out while still maintaining availability for pickup, pressures on the server due to high student demand, and staffing the pickup area.

"We're keeping it to a test market at this point because we want to make sure that we get it right," Forbes said.

Gilbert Taylor, Shipping and Receiving Supervisor for the bookstore said that one of the biggest problems right now is dealing with the large number of orders coming in.

"This week we're expecting to do about 25 orders a day and we've had to take books from the upstairs racks to serve the online customers," Taylor said. "We've learned a lot about what our biggest problems are going to be in the last few weeks."

Of particular concern is how fast the server will be in its final incarnation, and whether it will be efficient enough to take less time than visiting the bookstore in person.

"If I'm going to use this server, it would have to depend on whether it's faster than just standing in line," said Jill Gilraine, a first year Phys Ed student.

Forbes said that the bookstore is aware of this need and is working toward keeping the server moving as quickly as possible.

"It's very slow right now and it has a few hiccups, but we're working toward making modifications to make it quicker by October," Forbes said.

Another immediate concern is how private transactions are, making some students leery about using the service unless they can be absolutely asssured that their personal information will not be available on demand in cyberspace.

Forbes was very clear that the server will be secure with the strongest of encryption. To ensure customer security, the bookstore has signed on with Verisign, a leading Internet security firm that claims on their website to use encryption that "would take a hacker trillion x trillion years to break, even with today's most advanced technology."

"The Verisign software makes the service about as secure as being on site with your credit card," Forbes said. "Obviously we would be liable in the case of a customer loss, so we want to make sure that it won't happen."

Forbes added that the feedback from students and parents attending the past week's Front of the Line tours through UVic Orientation has been very positive, despite the relative slowness of the server, and with 200 customers so far without any advertising he feels that it will be successful in the future.

"The people I talked to were just very excited about being able to pick up their books online," he said.

creating initiatives like drug and literacy testing for welfare recipients.

"Without any evidence at all that there is a problem to be addressed, they're kicking people on welfare," said Dewart.

"What we're saying quite clearly is that the policies of the Harris government, the social policies in Ontario, the criminal justice policies in Ontario made Kimberly Rogers' life a living hell, especially for the last year of her life," said Kinsman.

In April, Rogers plead guilty of fraud, was sentenced to house arrest and therefore did not receive social assistance benefits for the next three months. She decided to fight this policy, when she found that she could not survive without social assistance.

With Dewart, she brought a Civil proceeding to have that regulation declared unconstitutional, and sought an interim injunction for reinstatement of benefits, which the judge accepted.

"All of the available charities in Sudbury had basically been exhausted. Her fridge was literally empty by the second or third time we got back to her apartment [after the court ruled that her benefits would be reinstated]," said Dewart.

The next legal step would have been to take the case in front of a three-judge panel to argue that the regulation was unconstitutional. Kinsman believes that someone else will inevitably take on this battle.

Members of the Sudbury community organized a memorial service and rally of 200 people after the death of Rogers. They called for an inquest into her death; rescinding of all legislation that would permanently disqualify the poor from receiving social assistance if found guilty of a crime; policies directed at creating employment and affordable housing not punishment and social stigma; and an abolition of house arrest in these circumstances.

Christine Schmidt, helped organize the rally.

"Government policies have increasingly put students under a crunch, and they're starving us. They're starving us out, and they're actually in fact forcing people to resorting to what they view as illegal behaviour in order to survive [...] Until students in particular start standing up, and start fighting back, none of this is going to change," said Schmidt.

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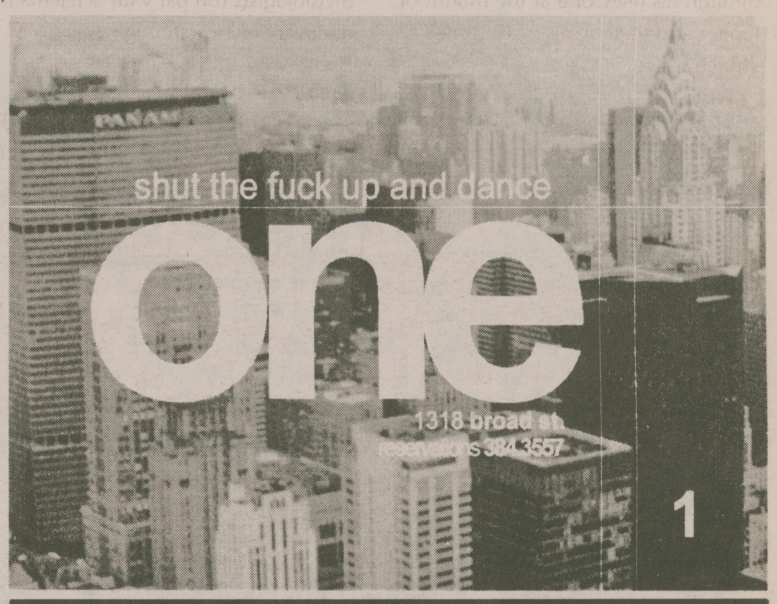

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editorial

"No one's interested in something you didn't do."

You say, Dammit Martlet. It's only the first issue and you're already quoting a pop tune on your editorial pages.

We say, Wait. Look. There was a provincial election recently. Before that there was a federal election. Did you vote? Sure if you live in Svend Robinson's riding then your choice was easy. But what about the other 300 ridings in the country? Do you feel that your voice was heard? Do you feel like your views are adequately reflected and represented down at the legislature?

We say, Fuck voting. It only comes around two or three times a decade and your choices on the ballot typically fall somewhere between Tweedledee and Tweedledum.

There are other ways to register your assent (or dissent). There are other ways to withdraw your consent from a system you may not feel is the best way to get along.

The Martlet wants you to remember this year that every action you take has political consequences: Every mouthful you take, every cent you spend, every conversation you have. You don't have to chain yourself to a large piece of logging equipment or smash a bank window. Every time you leave the house wearing Hilfiger gear bought on mommy's credit card or eat crappy fast food you're making a public political statement.

We say, quite simply, Do something. Something.

Make an informed decision. Make every decision informed.

Read Chomsky, learn about co-operative farming or globalization or capitalism or The International Noise Conspiracy. Read about Fair Trade coffee and tell the UVSS they should have more of it in the SUB. Write PAP on the front page of newspapers everywhere. Call your mom, call your prof, call a politician, call the Martlet, tell us that you too believe that Adbusters is either too preachy or too subversive (we can't decide either) and that Naomi Klein is too obsessed with the word "cool." Then propose an alternative.

Fukshitup in your own way.

Turn off the tv and go for a hike. Forgo the sports bar during the big game and look here: http://www.changingtheclimate.com and organize a "big game hunting" night with your frat boy pals (sometimes civil disobedience is funner than a movie).

Better yet, post your views here: www.victoria.indymedia.org and read what others respond with.

This isn't quite a call to arms but we'd still like to see you, as an educated and conscious cross-section of our grand little human cosmos, do something. Seriously. There's nothing better than doing something.

Welcome to the school year. Stick around and read us or better yet, come down to the office and volunteer. It's going to be a wild ride. We promise.

SOAPBOX

Why I hate the BC Liberals

by Kevin Groves

I don't like the new government.

I don't like them because they seem to be very reluctant to look out for my interests, and as I settle back into campus life I hear the same concerns over and over again while waiting to pay for books, or sitting down into those uncomfortable chairs before the professor takes us on another voyage into higher learning: Will the tuition freeze still be here next year? Are the Liberals going to get rid of my interest free status? Will I be able to get a job on campus now that the funding has been cut?

Legitimate concerns that still remain unanswered because the Liberals seem to be keeping very quiet about where they stand on higher education. You certainly won't get a definite idea of what their stance is on the seemingly carefully rehearsed "open cabinet" meetings shown on tv.

When students went to the polls back in May we knew that the Liberals had the election in the bag. The NDP government looked tired and corrupt, and public anger about the fast ferry fiasco, and the Glen Clark scandal had brought everyone's temper up to a white heat. At the time we felt very small in the wake of public opinion. The Liberals had masterfully campaigned on their promise of a 25 per cent personal income tax cut, and they seemed to have no wish to talk to us about higher education, having refused during the campaign to attend all candidate forums at UVic, UBC, SFU, Northwest Community College and a number of other places.

There was no way the NDP would form another government and we realized this in one of the lowest voter turnouts in our age bracket in BC history, centered primarily on hope that the Greens would form the official opposition.

Why should we have voted? It's not like our votes would have made any difference in the wake of public opinion. But now that the dust has settled and the Liberals are indisputably in power, we should look back over the summer's activity in the legislature and remind ourselves who was intended to benefit from their "dramatic" tax cut.

Simple mathematics proves that 25 per cent of personal income tax amounts to a lot more for someone making $100,000 then for a student making less than $5,000 per year. It certainly won't help me make my student loan payments when I get out of school.

And what about the corporate tax cuts? When did we hear in the election campaign that the Liberals would give hundreds of millions of dollars in tax cuts to corporations in order to solidify the economy?

When did they say that they'd run a $1.5 billion deficit this year (the second largest in BC history), ushering in a new era for deficit management that BC hasn't dealt with for a long time. A recent independent review of the Liberal mini-budget has concluded that if there is no change in projected revenue by 2004, BC's deficit will skyrocket to $5 billion annually. A bombshell like that doesn't just slip through the cracks of political discourse.

When also did we hear that the office of the premier would use nearly ten times the $2.7 million used by the NDP. What's Campbell using all that money for?

The *Times Colonist* certainly won't tell us.

The Liberals will say that their tax cuts are necessary to stimulate the economy, but what will happen if this does not occur? What will happen if instead of the supposed economic boom that is supposed to take place in the next few years, the economy takes a downturn and fails to have the effect that the Liberals are hoping it does?

We all know the answer to that question, and the cuts to social programs that could affect all BC students in the next year seem to have quietly started over the summer. We've seen them in the willingness of the BC Liberals to endorse credit checks on student loans for mature applicants, we've seen them in the elimination of the Public Sector Youth Employment program, and we continue to wonder if we'll see them in the removal of the tuition fee freeze as the unveiling of the provincial budget this February draws closer and closer.

We might have become discouraged in the election, or been swept up in the mainstream media's hatred of the NDP, but now that we've been dealt the current Parliament (whether we wanted them or not), and there seems to be no meaningful opposition in the Legislature to stop them, we must make our voices heard now more than ever.

Because a tax cut won't fund our education, giving corporations free rein in this province at the expense of working people won't fund our education, and so far it certainly doesn't look like the Liberals want to fund our education either.

STUDENT VOICE

Defining earth ethics

by Marcus Kirk

Like fish in a revolving blue bowl content to gorge without constraint, humans have developed an insatiable desire for materialistic pleasure. We evolved into predators of our environment by carelessly using our fantastic ingenuity to fulfill shortsighted, self-indulgent desires.

Instead of realizing the interconnections and interdependence of natural life, we view nature as something to be conquered and exploited to meet our current needs. By meeting these needs, we are limiting the ability of future generations to meet theirs.

Native Americans had the philosophy that each decision must be based on the effect it would have on at least the next seven generations. Our current vision is too short. Each day, our grandchildren become less likely to enjoy the same experiences in the natural environment as we can today.

While technological advances will be necessary to build a sustainable society, technology is only a tool, which if used heedlessly will cause as much harm as good. To solve the environmental dilemmas the earth is facing, the changes must first be philosophical. Our major human weakness is our underlying values and ideas of morality. We must accept the responsibility that what is happening to the earth – air pollution, acid rain, global warming, ozone depletion – is caused by us and must be solved by us.

These critical environmental issues may seem overwhelming but they were caused by our cumulative exploitation of nature. Now, they can only be solved by our cumulative adoption of a new mindset that realizes and accepts our interconnection with the earth and our ethical duty to value all forms of life. The spirit of this mindset is how I define earth ethics.

All species must adapt to their environment or perish; we must stop egotistically trying to make our environment adapt to us. Problems like global warming are nature's warning signals to make us recognize that we are a part of the environment rather than apart from it. Let's get our heads out the sand before we die off pathetically backside-up while never having looked up to realize the extraordinary place we live in.

How many people recognize the WWF as the World Wrestling Federation instead of the World Wildlife Fund?

The first step in applying earth ethics in your daily life is to become informed and aware that we are in the process of destroying our planet. About 20 per cent of the world's population is consuming 75 per cent of the world's energy and resources. It would take three earths to supply the resources if everyone lived like North Americans.

This is not somebody else's problem. This is your problem. It will affect the lives of your children and your grandchildren.

Already, breathing the air in Mexico City is the equivalent of smoking two packs a day and, on bad days, birds drop dead out the sky from the intense smog. Babies are being nourished with mother's milk tainted with dioxin, a highly toxic environmental pollutant that can be traced back to PVCs from trash incinerators. About 1,000 pandas remain in the wild and we will never again see a passenger pigeon. We are no longer just killing animals; we are stopping them from ever being born.

The most powerful application earth ethics can have in our everyday life is when we individually commit to making environmentally sound choices. The cumulative effect of our choices can change governments, bankrupt unethical corporations and reverse environmental deterioration.

In a market economy, every dollar we spend is a vote for a product or a company. These votes shape the direction of corporations. Too often people are apathetic when making purchasing decisions. Companies have preyed on this passiveness by manufacturing artificial desires and selling products based on image rather than purpose.

The success of the SUV epitomizes our susceptibility to clever marketing. Ironically depicted as a way to explore nature, SUVs produce 47% more air pollution than an average car. Driving one of these 13-mpg behemoths for a year instead of an average car would waste more energy than if you left your refrigerator door open for six years.

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The Natural Step is an environmental education organization that partners with businesses to promote sustainable practices. IKEA, partnering with Natural Step, now offers a line of eco-friendly furniture. While the line is profitable, it only remains a small portion of IKEA's sales because businesses are ultimately dependent on public opinion to change.

There is a consumer onus to establish whether you need a product and think about the global impact of your choice. This opposes decades of conditioning to habitual materialism and, again, the change must be philosophical. A change to a mindset based on earth ethics that must be realized individually to create a collective epiphany that will shape the future of the world. As Ghandhi said, "We must become the change we seek in the world."

North Americans have eight per cent of the world's population but produce 50 per cent of the world's garbage over half of which can be recycled. Recycling paper, glass and metal saves 70 to 90 per cent of the energy and pollution created from using virgin materials.

Buy energy efficient appliances to save money and energy. A compact fluorescent bulb emits the same amount of light but lasts ten times as long and uses a quarter of the electricity. Choose to bike or walk instead of driving. Act locally by volunteering your time or writing to elected officials. It doesn't matter where you start but that you start.

We have a responsibility for the effect our choices have on the earth and all other forms of life. A sustainable society is possible if we find the courage to take personal action and make informed choices. Choices that represent a new philosophy based on responsibility and earth ethics.

Choices that must be committed to individually but collectively can change the world.

LETTERS

Huggers unite

Have you ever wanted to hug a gigantic tree, nestled beside a gentle brook (babbling of course), while strolling through a thick moss covered path? Is there a deeper meaning to life, possibly being part of a community effort to keep that tree standing, and the water flowing pure and clean?

Volunteers from Carmanah Forestry Society and other conservation groups have embraced those values for over a decade, and have worked tirelessly to assure that areas of the Walbran, Carmanah and Nahmint Valley were protected. We have had some successes and can be proud that some areas are now secure, but it only takes a glance beyond the clearcuts to realize that our work is far from over.

Our society's mandate is to provide access to these forests so that people can make up their own minds. After all, people are neither blind or stupid, and the massive clearcutting and roadbuilding speak volumes. We feel that by providing safe, well maintained trails to walk on, good maps for planning and getting there, that the public will feel comfortable in venturing out to reach these wonderful areas.

Recently, we have taken a giant step and acquired a small school bus, making it easy to provide our members and supporters with regular transportation to reach these destinations. This eliminates the fear of getting lost, or risking damage to your personal vehicle. Another benefit is that no one needs to be exhausted from the tough driving over rough logging roads.

Ultimately, through visiting these remarkable forests, the value of nature will be realized and translated into more protection, not through anger, and conflict and protest, but through the efforts of a large number of committed people making a concerted effort over years to convince our new political leaders that these forests need to be saved. We need to show them this respect, and to respect ourselves during the process. If we don't take the time to educate ourselves, then we will have done nature a disservice. Frustration and anger are easily dismissed.

Historically, this was the process that protected the Carmanah. While the Walbran was the site of protest in 1991, no one will ever know if the 40 odd arrests had much of an influence, or if it was the recommendations from the Ministry of Environment that led to protecting the area.

As one of the leaders of that protest, we had the high ground, as we had worked unendingly for over two years. Prior to the summer of 1991, along with the Environmental Youth Alliance and Sierra Club, we worked on one of the more comprehensive public educational campaigns in the Island's history. Over two thousand dedicated trailbuilders worked for over two years to finish the trails and later as campaigners. Tours were frequent, with lectures, public meetings, debates and rallies continually alerting the media and the public to the fact that the last three per cent of wilderness in the south of Vancouver Island was getting hammered. Rallies of a thousand to two thousand people were common and thousands of letters appearing on every politician's desk. Letters to the editor were common-place and frequented every newspaper.

This is the sort of soft but persistent campaigning that will make the difference in convincing the new government that First Growth forests have far more to offer the world than simple fibre flow. And to generate that level of commitment, we believe that a wilderness experience is necessary. When one has that intimate love of nature, a subtle understanding and willingness to persist is only natural.

With the end of summer, it is time to get serious about getting back to school. For some it will also be time to take a serious look at life and what you can personally do to make a difference. Victoria has a number of worthwhile conservation organizations to support, all working in one way or another to protect our natural forests. You might want to consider supporting one through volunteering your time.

On behalf of the Carmanah Forestry Society, I welcome you to join us, either by taking a recreation walk and tour of the Lower Walbran or perhaps hiking the splendid Upper West Walbran and taking a swim in Hadikin Lake. Others might prefer the Lower Carmanah. Regardless, you will see nature at its finest. After, you might wish to help us maintain park trails and build facilities under our park stewardship agreement with BC Parks. Others might wish to help in town, arranging slide shows, monthly meetings or kick our office into better shape while learning more about the wonders of nature and what we can do to make a difference.

We have a healthy years worth of work ahead of us, with the need to survey a trail system through some of the finest Douglas Fir in the universe at Nahmint. We also need to design and build a wheelchair trail through Hadikin Lake. The boardwalk in the lower Walbran needs carpenters and helpers to renail the treads to runners and another crew to nail screening to the walkways to ensure traction, allowing for safe winter access. We also need strategic thinkers and doers to work on a campaign to acquire protection for the Walbran Special Management Zone.

For the past ten years, in Lower Walbran, the NDP allowed this strategic area to be clearcut, and it is time to stop. A larger campaign might involve exploring the Artlish and other unknown but incredible forests boasting two- to three-metre wide trees whose canopy stretches nearly a hundred metres up into the heavens.

Whether it be on a tour, or working in the woods or town, it would be wonderful if you found yourself helping us with the struggle to protect remaining wilderness and transform logging practices.

Please contact us at 381-1141 or carmanah@pacificcoast.net if this is right for you.

Syd Haskell, President
Carmanah Forestry Society

Implement regulations asap

On August 22, 2001 the Honourable Graham Bruce, Minister of Skills Development and Labour, directed the WCB Panel of Administrators to consider delaying the implementation of the second hand smoke regulations. On the same day, during Question Period he implied that there was little or no consultation and that the regulations were being imposed without consultation.

The Canadian Cancer Society, BC and Yukon Division, the Heart and Stroke Foundation of BC and Yukon, and the BC Lung Association, which make up the Clean Air Coalition of BC, would like to ensure the Minister of Skills Development and Labour and the public is aware that each of our organizations participated fully in four public hearings throughout BC. During the consultation process, over 500 oral and written submissions were received by WCB and an economic analysis was undertaken. This information can be seen on the WCB website.

Minister Bruce, along with 85% of all other workers in the province, have been guaranteed a smoke-free workplace since April 1998. However, women and men who work in the hospitality sector, long-term care and correctional facilities have had to wait for the same protection and as a result must suffer the health risks from exposure to second hand smoke.

Contrary to industry claims, in jurisdictions with similar regulations, there have been virtually no negative impacts on business or tourism in the long-term. Additional consultation is not necessary – it is time for action. Second hand smoke is a known health hazard and exposure to second-hand smoke can be easily prevented. We strongly encourage the Panel of Administrators to not delay the implementation of the regulation and for the Minister of Skills Development and Labour to reconsider his direction to the Panel. The health of women and men depend upon it.

For more information about the activities of the Clean Air Coalition, please visit our website at www.cleanaircoalitionbc.com.

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Just a few thoughts

This is in response to the loss of 67 jobs caused by the funding cut to PSYE. While I sympathize with the job losses, I agree with Gary Collins' assertion that "Government is not deciding what jobs the universities are going to offer to students." (Times Colonist, Aug. 23) He's right. That's the job of the university's administration. That's why they make the big bucks, right?

Here is my proposal on how to replace those jobs and create 1,000 more. Use that 17 million dollar gift we just got from Michael Williams and use it to help finance the construction of TONS of new affordable on-campus housing. Make the general contractor agree that a percentage of skilled and unskilled labour jobs be made available to the student population. Build a grocery store. Talk to Thrifty Foods' Alex Campbell and the people at Fairway Markets. I'm sure they'd be interested.

More jobs. Build a beer and wine store, a bakery, and a clothing consignment shop. Apply to the feds to build an underground medicinal marijuana grow-op. I'm sure there are a few experts on campus. Open it all up to free enterprise. Make jobs around campus like landscaping and janitorial open to the students. I would mow lawns or mop floors twice a week for a non-union $9/hr and I'm sure hundreds of others would too.

Take all the money from the rents of these new companies and balance the books. Create a new garbage/recycling pick up service and include its price in the rent. Appoint Peter Verrin CEO of this new company. In a few years, UVic will not be as dependent on taxpayers' dollars, more money would stay on-campus, and Peter could afford a cool pad. Just a few thoughts....

Jamie Cunningham

An extended care geriatric moment

Face deeply wrinkled, thin whispy white hair
A geriatric patient, to whom Lynne gives care
She who's life was once busy with work
Now lays abed shake – spasm and jerk

A lone loved one at her bedside stands
carressing gently those boney thin hands
A whisper – quietly – into her ear
A great grandson graduates this year

Eyes grew dim, no comprehension
Evening meds just past dispension
Worry shone in the daughter's eyes
As she sadly mumbled her goodbyes

At the start of next shift, an empty spot
Is seen in the place of that pioneer's cot
A pause, a feeling, an emptiness ache
In wheeled in a new patient – he was aged 98.

Note:
My wife Lynne is a Registered Nurse who has worked for many years with the elderly – Lynne is a special person who cares deeply for her charges especially when they are in pain for long periods of time – she is thankful when they are released – sometimes death is welcome!

Billy Willbond

Meta FTAA

by Spencer Maybee

NOTE: This essay was first published at www.forgetmagazine.com in late April, shortly after many of us returned from Quebec City and the Summit of the Americas. The sentiment discussed could well have been directed toward the G8 meetings in Genoa, the upcoming meeting in Kananaskis or any mass civil uprising.

The Martlet wanted to republish this piece because it is good. Damn good. Enjoy.

After the Summit of the Americas in Quebec last May, after the protests and the media coverage, I was lucky to read several first-hand accounts of anti-FTAA protesters' experiences. No thanks to the national media, but rather email.

(A note on usage: anti-FTAA sentiment does not necessitate an anti-globalization sentiment. One can be in favour of globalization in theory, but against the specifics of the terms on which the FTAA presumes to champion it. When I use the term anti-FTAA, I don't mean "globophobes," as The Globe and Mail so neatly categorized all the activists in their editorial series leading up to the Summit)

I don't know if the storytelling campaign was planned—it may well have been, considering the level of organization behind the demonstrations—but it has served as one of the most important aspects of the anti-FTAA activism we've all seen so poorly represented in the national media. These storytellers are raising their concerns to a public conscience by spreading the word the same way storytellers raised their concerns to public conscience thousands of years ago when angry Greeks tried to tear down the walls of Troy. If no one told the story, Achilles would just be another skull on the beach. If no one told about the Quebec protests, then people like me who weren't there would have no idea what went on: that is, other than the mainstream media version.

One of the true testaments to the storytelling campaign has been the objective detail provided by the anti-FTAA activists. Much of the writing has been disarmed of loaded adjectives and brutally categorical presumptions regarding purpose, which is more than can be said for The Globe and Mail, The National Post, and the CBC coverage leading up to the Summit. It is, after all, clear why the police were there. Protesters came for so many different reasons that it was nice to read some of them articulated in more depth than can be uttered in a three-second TV news quote.

I think the reason most of us have come to distrust the national media—even more so, since last weekend—is due in part to the categorical summary of anti-FTAA sentiment. I have more than five different friends who were at the protests and all for different reasons.

Reason vs. Reasonable

Another benefit to having read first-hand accounts of the FTAA protests from the protesters is that we get a sense of how threatening it must have felt to be choking on tear-gas and watching friends get beaten with batons. From this we can get a sense of the circumstances that served as parameters for reasonable action. Of course we think it reasonable to hit back when we're being beaten, yet such reason isn't supposed to apply when the person beating you is an officer of the law. Now on the other hand, we can't assume that police officers don't get scared. I have no doubt in my mind that some of the officers felt threatened by the mob. This is where things break down: Who acted first? Did they have good reason? Did they act in a reasonable manner? The answers to these questions, for anti-FTAAers, shouldn't matter.

This may sound callous, but the important thing for protesters is that the message gets out to people who weren't there. The unfortunate thing for protesters—and for police—is that in the face of all this direct conflict, the real conflict—the conflict of ideals—gets clouded over. The balance between restraint and brutality needs to be navigated by police to appear reasonable.

For protesters, the balance is between peacefulness and violence. These characteristics become the measure of the sincerity of the protesters and the nobility of the police. People who are unaware of the issues surrounding the FTAA–the people the protesters want to make aware–often end up aligning their support, however subtle that support might be, with the most reasonable-appearing group, on the grounds that they appear reasonable so they must have good reason. The issues never even arise. This is why I want to talk about the issues that underlie the FTAA, with a nod to all those who have shared their first-hand experiences, both of the protests at the Summit of the Americas, and of other more direct examples of the effects of free trade. Without those stories, we wouldn't know about the issues at all.

In getting at the issues, I will refrain from unleashing an abstract, emotional, bark-fest rant in which I fling unsubstantiated opinion at you like it was cheaper than a McDonald's smile. Neither will I give you a gilded sterile tea-cozy. Neither is useful. The only thing more boring than watching the fireplace channel at Christmas is watching Jerry Springer. They are meaningless and lead to no greater understanding of the world or our role in it. This is my goal by providing an overview of the general issues, such as they can be known without a draft of the FTAA in my hands, annotated by social scientists, environmentalists, buddhas, ninjas, and thieves.

The Broad Perspective

Supporters of the FTAA believe that when the day is done, the economic benefits of the FTAA will outweigh the environmental and humanitarian costs. Protesters don't. This is making the all-too-naive assumption that most supporters of the FTAA have actually considered the environmental and humanitarian costs. I was listening to the CBC on Monday after the Summit weekend and a Manitoba resident came on a call-in show to say he didn't know what the protesters were protesting about, and he didn't care. He thought the security cost too much money and that it was the protesters' fault. (Because we all know how much input the protesters had in the Summit security budget.) Another caller said that he couldn't understand why so many people were against free trade when the economic benefits were so obvious. (His bank account, I'm sure, looks great what with all those deposits and no withdrawals?) This is all to say nothing of the assumptions being made about the economic benefits. Even if the FTAA did benefit Canada and her citizens, it may be at the cost of the citizens of the other countries included in the FTAA. But in a good game of Capitalism that's only fair. We—that is, North Americans—are winning so far, aren't we?

(A note for the Levi-Straussians: If I criticize capitalism, that doesn't mean I'm a communist. If I criticize democracy, that doesn't mean I'm an anarchist, and if I refer to them, I'm not implying that I'm a part of we.)

Representative Democracy vs. Social Activism

George W. Bush and The National Post would have you believe that the FTAA will bring democracy to the Americas. But what brand of democracy might that be? The Americas have already seen the brand of democracy displayed in Quebec, only it was called military dictatorship and didn't have a PR strategy. What we saw in Quebec was grassroots social activism going toe-to-toe with its more sophisticated, more entrenched cousin, representative democracy.

Representative democracy, the putative backbone of our society, is becoming less and less representative and more and more specialized. Women's groups, for a random, but excellent example, which represent more than 50 per cent of the population, are considered special interest groups, while MOPEs (managers, owners, professionals and executives), which represent a significantly smaller percentile, are the social group that our elected officials most truly represent–the FTAA is a case in point. Come election time, when we exercise our democratic power (we are allowed one decision every four years), many people reflecting on their values find themselves voting not for the candidate who most represents their values, but for the candidate who least offends them. This is more a lesser-of-evils democracy than a representative one.

That last paragraph is more a whinery passive lane than a useful plan of action, because the simple fact is that if we aren't satisfied with how our government is representing us we can run ourselves. But this is where the specialization endemic to capitalism bubbles up: My father, for example, is not a social administrator or politician, he is an accountant. He knows how to balance a monthly statement, not how to administer all the complexities of our government nor how to woo popular opinion. Though he can't afford to campaign, he does care about the decisions that affect him and that are made on his behalf. The only people who can afford a successful campaign are MOPEs and established politicians, or individuals like you or me, as long as we subordinate ourselves to a political party platform regardless of the cost to our constituents' interests. That being said, a weekend of activism is an affordable alternative method of demonstrating democratic power.

Balancing the Statements

While economic benefits for North Americans may be obvious to some, they still don't eliminate the environmental and humanitarian hazards that can arise under an FTAA that doesn't address these issues. The environment and humanitarian issues are some of the biggest sticking points for anti-FTAAers. While some anti-FTAAers' primary sticking point is the claim of the economic benefits, which they dispute, these first two issues take prominence. Free trade will open borders to corporations so they can shop for the cheapest place to establish production facilities. The cheapest choice is often the choice that requires of the investing corporation the least environmental and humanitarian commitments.

While North American labourers want an air conditioned workplace and health benefits, or at least sick days, washroom breaks, and freedom from abuse from their managers, many of them still purchase products made by labour that has none of these things. North American marketing helps us forget all this, but the hypocrisy is blatant: if you demand certain working conditions, yet profit from low prices on goods made in poorer working conditions than the basic minimum that you demand, then you are a hypocrite. Buy Canadian made.

The environment is an even touchier issue, because the effects of what we do now won't be blatantly obvious until much later, when conditions will be irreversible. We have restrictions on our industry regarding air, water, and soil quality, emissions, pollutants, and wildlife habitat that require corporations in Canada to invest significant sums of

photo by Jeremy Nelson

photo by John Thompson

money towards equipment and processes that reduce environmental damage. When we export production we reduce pollution in our backyard and it looks good to us. That's only marketing, however, because the pollution, though it has moved, still exists. Globalization, as portrayed by the FTAA, is only a trade agreement. Environmental activists on the front lines of the Quebec protests want globalization to include environmental responsibility on a global scale.

The not-in-my-backyard mentality towards pollution only feeds consumption. Imagine if you had to live with all the garbage you produced. You'd have to start composting, you'd have to find a way to reuse containers and other forms of packaging, and you might consider buying things in bulk to reduce the amount of waste you produce. And this only speaks to one form of pollution. Air, water and soil quality are under constant threat from mass production required to compete in a capitalist system.

Capitalism, like good old-fashioned Darwinism, is a competitive system, not a co-operative one. Competitive systems are contagious. They work along the same lines as a nine-slice pizza split between my brother, my dad and I. If my brother competes with me for more slices than his share, then I have to compete just to get my share. We eat as fast as we can to get our three slices in before the other horns in on our wedge. We end up not eating the crusts so that we can get on to the next piece quicker. A wasteland of grease-stained cardboard and uneaten crusts is left in our wake. Fun as it was when I was a kid, it's a juvenile and irritating way to spend all your meals. It was like living hand to mouth–either my hand was in my mouth or my brother's fist was. My brother got the first world share of the pizza and I got the third world share. (This is, of course, a lie. I was the pig.)

This competitiveness spreads not only within a capitalist system, but around it. Territorial imperialism in the 16th to 19th centuries is a classic example, except the competing groups weren't corporations acting on their own, but with the direct support of the standing monarchies.

The Hudson's Bay Company came to Canada and killed millions of beaver for their pelts, not for consumption in the Americas, but overseas where this "soft gold" was highly valued. The ecological damage incurred to support the consumption of the dominant class was exported. This manifests itself today in the McDonald's hamburger, Canadian softwood, and fresh water. McDonald's hamburger products come mostly from South America, where millions of hectares of rainforest are slashed and burned to clear grazing ground (and poor grazing ground at that, since the soil on which the rainforest thrives does nothing for grazing crops). Canadian forests are being clear-cut for export, and our fresh water is being sold off. You can develop film in Lake Ontario, yet our biggest city lives off it as a source of fresh water.

If this sounds like a statement of the deplorable condition world trade has left our countries in, it's not. Even if Canada had tariffs that acted as an impermeable boundary for trade, Ontarians would still be eating Alberta beef, Manitoba wheat, Maritime seafood, and BC lumber. What's happening with free trade is that tariffs are disappearing and these used to act as a mitigator. If our forests were being leveled by Weyerhauser and taken out of the country, then we were compensated in form of taxes, which presumably would trickle back down to us. School would be cheaper. Healthcare would be better. Fuel wouldn't cost as much. Under free trade, the only thing we get in exchange for the slow erosion of our environment and the loss of our natural resources is jobs. Under free trade, our tax dollars can go to paying a US pharmaceutical company a $300 million settlement for "lost profits" if our Surgeon General doesn't think their drug is good for Canadians. That's 10 bucks a piece so they can't sell poison to Canadians.

The Angles

Here I wish I could quote Tom Howell's essay "Confessions of a Left-wing Bigot," but I'm afraid he hasn't published it and I don't have a copy on hand, so I'll summarize my take on it. In his essay, Howell lays out the basic ideals behind the left wing and the right wing: Lefties value people more than money. Righties value money more than people. This is a distilled yet functional polarization of a political (personal) spectrum. I know some people who will believe that they are left-wing because they value some people more than money, but that's not how it works. If we're going to polarize, the poles have to be absolutes. The some-people-over-money attitude is more towards the middle, moving further right the smaller that "some" is, until it reaches the right pole where that "some" becomes "me." Where that "some" includes everyone but Hitler and George W. Bush, then it's safe to say you're on the left (but still to the right of magnanimous Buddha-types who might still include Hitler on account of he's dead).

Another more functional way to look at it might be this: Lefties believe that social systems should serve people, while righties believe that people should serve the dominant system. Full disclosure: I consider myself left of center, because I believe in giving people the respect I would want for myself, and because I have enough of an imagination that I can picture myself in someone else's shoes. (Actually, I consider myself a magnanimous Buddha-type because I believe in respecting all things and because I am in everyone else's shoes.)

It's simple logic that social systems exist ultimately to serve people and that—even while people need to support the system that serves them—the vice-versa, that people exist to serve the system, is impossible. That is unless you're dealing with stratified society, where one class–we're not talking upper-, middle-, and lower-class here, we're talking first, second and third worlds–exists to serve a system that ultimately benefits a dominant class. We're back to social Darwinism, only one system of power, brute force, has been replaced by another, brute wealth.

If you can read English, then chances are you're of the first world. If you're reading this on-line then chances are you own a computer or have a job, which puts you in the global social class that Capitalism, as a power system, serves. If, like me, you're an ice cream snob and you only buy the best, then Capitalism is serving you dessert. If, like me, you have an imagination, then you can imagine what it might be like if your share of the world's food was going to some fat kid from Illinois at the Big Boy off I-95 who wants a third burger because he "hardly even noticed" the first two, and you can imagine that Capitalism might not be the greatest thing since plastic bullets.

Yet another way to see it is this: Righties believe, like my parents told me when my brother got to play hockey before I did, that life isn't fair. Lefties believe, like my parents believed after I threw a fit, that we have a responsibility to make things fair. Sometimes a fit is what it takes.

Inevitability

It is inevitable that world-wide free trade will be attempted. The European Economic Community is a wide scale free trade agreement that sets a paradigm. So is NAFTA. There is economic reward for the first on the boat and the western leaders are trying to ensure that they get there while the pickings are still juicy. There is a $20 dollar bill on the ground. You might walk by it and hope that the person to whom it belongs will come back and pick it up, but chances are you won't, not because you're a greedy person, but because you can be pretty sure that the next person that comes along will pick it up. The karmic high-ground isn't as tangible as the ice cream and beer that that $20 can turn into.

Whether hemispheric free trade works or not—I suppose by this I mean whether it lasts or not—no one will know until it happens. This isn't a defeatist proposition for anti-FTAAers, nor is it a certificate of success for pro-FTAAers. The FTAA is a set of terms under which anti-FTAAers would find hemispheric free trade intolerable. The job of anti-FTAAers is to ensure that when a large-scale free trade agreement is established, that it includes a charter of responsibilities to environmental and humanitarian issues.

Thanksgiving

I am against the FTAA as it stands (that is, as it stands in secrecy). I didn't go to Quebec to show support for the side of the FTAA that I stand on. Instead I stayed in Winnipeg and called in to CBC Radio One to explain why I wasn't in support of the FTAA. Thanks to everyone who went and demonstrated their-our-concern over the FTAA. Thanks to those who took gas, thanks to those who were arrested, thanks to those who weren't, thanks to those police who behaved reasonably, thanks to those who protested peacefully and thanks to those who tore holes in the fence. There's nothing wrong with a good fight as long as we understand each other more clearly and respectfully when it's over.

Spencer Maybee graduated last May from UVic's Fine Arts program. He is currently living in Winnipeg, making breakfast smoothies and not working for the man.

Week Of Welcome
Calendar of Events

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
2	3	4	5 1st DAY OF CLASSES	6	7 STOKED	8
9	10	11 CLUBS AND COURSE UNION DAYS	12	13	14 SUB Intrigue	15
16	17	18 Volunteer Victoria	19	20 Urban Art Show	21 Corn & Music Fest	22
23	24	25	26	27	28 A Touch of Jazz Night	29

SEPT 5th: **First day of Classes**

SEPt 7th: **STOKED:**

*** Free Outdoor Concert** 12-12pm with bands:

Kia
Iris
Thundersauce
Chocomo Sound
Interstellar Root Cellar
Vicky

- Beverage gardens
- Fun toys for the kid in you
- Issues Fair
- **SUB Open House** 12-6

SEPT 14th: **SUB Intrigue:**

- **Licensed Welcome Back Party**
  Live bands and DJ's
  Multiple Sound Stages

SEPT 18th: **Volunteer Victoria:** get involved in your community - all day in the Michele Pujol Room in the SUB

SEPT 20th: **The Wet Paint-In: Urban Art Show**

All day outside the SUB

- See the paint fly and the vinyl spin
- Graffiti, DJ's and breakdancing

SEPT 21st: Corn & Music Fest 12-6 at the SUB

- **Outdoor concert**: All UVic bands
  Fine Tuned Blue
  Steiner
  White Chocolate Conspiracy
- Beverge gardens
- BBQ
- Free corn

SEPT 28th: **A Touch of Jazz Night**

9 pm at the Grad Lounge

- Live jazz with The Peter Jones Trio
- Drink specials
- All-ages welcome

All Events @ the SUB

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Global group to dispel media elitism

by Darren Stewart

A dedicated group of local activists tapped Victoria into the worldwide network of Independant Media Centres this summer. The local news site was launched two weeks ago by a collective of 15 dedicated media activists after hours of meetings and late night planning sessions.

Krisztina Kun, who was involved in launching the project, said she's happy the Victoria site came together more spontaneously and not in response to any mass mobilization.

"It's really a legitimate thing for us to have," she said. "It doesn't need a mass protest to stand on. It empowers people to think in a different way and it's such a good forum."

The Indymedia concept began in Seattle during the 1999 WTO summit protests and has spread around the world. The original group of activists decided they thought it impossible for mainstream media, which is by definition a business with a financial bottom line, to report objectively on anti-capitalist activities. They created www.indymedia.org as a forum to post news reports and exchange ideas and information. The site uses an entirely new non-hierarchical model for information exchange that aims to dispell the myth of an entirely objective, centrally distributed news source.

The new Victoria site joins 57 other nodal sites in cities around the world. When a new city joins, the global Indymedia collective provides tech support and space on the main server free of charge, on the condition that the new site follows the 10 shared Principals of Unity.

Kun said it was cheap to set up the local site but a long and often difficult process. All decisions for the site must be made using a consensus based model so the process is inclusive but slow.

Kun said the local group also seeks funding, equipment and volunteers to set up a public media lab filled with computers and media gathering equipment such as video cameras, scanners and sound recorders. The lab is intended to allow the broadest access to as many people as possible.

"Computers are a bit elitist because not everybody has one or has access to one," she said.

Kun said the Indy media sites present a much more diverse view than mainstream media which she said is impossible to read objectively.

"[Mainstream media] bias never ceases to amaze me," said Kun. An example, she said, is a comparison of news on the Chiapas Indymedia site and the reports from journalists in the mainstream media.

"There's nothing from North American journalists down there on escorted tours," she said. "There's real reports from the people down there that cover many different viewpoints."

The Victoria site follows a typical format for Indymedia sites. The bar on the left is the news wire and can be posted to by anybody with an internet connection. The centre bar of the site will contain features written by Indymedia writers or submitted and collectively edited and reviewed. Anybody can post responses to either bar so the original story becomes a thread of information featuring a diversity of voices.

Kun said the local Indymedia group hopes to create strong links with Victoria community groups so they can provide Indy reporters with a heads up about community events and provide coverage on the site.

Deja Frenette joined the local Indymedia collective because he thought it was an important cause and he wanted to learn more about the media process.

"Mainstream media provides the voice from the top while Indymedia aims to provide the voice from the bottom," he said. "But it provides as many voices as possible."

Deja said he didn't have any reporting skills when got involved with Indymedia but found it a great way to learn media and tech skills on the fly. He hopes the spreading network may dispell the idea that journalism is a skill mastered by only a few trained individuals.

"The whole network is all about top to bottom learning," he said. "We supply the tools to write and research your own articles."

He added that the site network had potential to grow into something that the mainstream media doesn't provide by giving a voice and a medium to many issues not discussed widely in mainstream media.

"It's a brand new concept," he said. "There's never been a worldwide e-mail based collective. It's all uncharted and all

Draft Principles of Unity

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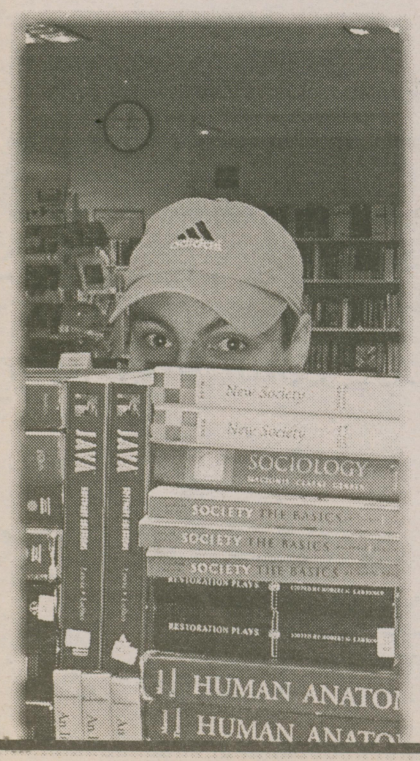

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Locals visit Cuba to bring aid and exchange ideas

by John Thompson

After breaking the law abroad three local travellers returned home to share their story. Sharmeen Khan, Jason Weedmark and Barbara Hay took part in openly challenging the US embargo against Cuba by delivering humanitarian aid and returning with Cuban goods.

The trip was the twelfth Friendship Caravan organized by the Pastors for Peace. The group left June 17th in a cramped school bus carrying 80 tonnes of aid to Cuba including medicine and medical equipment, school supplies and computers.

The group delivered the unlicensed aid through Mexico and crossed the border without trouble. Khan said she suspected the media presence at the border helped because blocking humanitarian aid has cast authorities in a bad light in the past.

Once in Cuba the group visited some of the areas their aid would reach. They also met with the ministry responsible for solar energy and visited a factory that made biodegradable pesticides.

As a glimpse of Cuba's different way of life, Khan described a small village they visited in Santa Clara. The 70-person rural community didn't have electricity but their school had a TV and VCR powered by solar panels.

She says the embargo has forced Cuba to innovate, turning to initiatives like sustainable energy and community urban gardening. Weedmark said that, while Cuba has the Gross National Product (GNP) of a third-world country, it seemed like a rich country because of their priority given to health care and education.

This isn't to say life in Cuba isn't without its contradictions, the travellers said.

Khan met a young cigar-factory worker named Brian, who said he made five boxes of Cohiba cigars a day for five dollars, while a single box is sold to tourists for $US300.

Khan said since the collapse of the USSR, Cuba has become increasingly dependent on tourism.

"Unfortunately they need to flirt with capitalism to survive," Khan said. "They haven't really given up their socialist ideals, but they do see the contradictions."

The group of travellers also had a chance to watch the National Assembly in action, which is the Cuban equivalent of Parliament. Cubans vote for their community representative in the assembly, which is composed of over 500 elected officials. The National Assembly in turn elects its executive.

"It's very bottom-up," Khan said. "It's a one-party state, but the way that politics is organized in Cuba, the party's almost irrelevant because there is debate in the national assembly and there is debate in the streets."

The travellers also left with Cuban goods to bring back to the US.

"It was a reverse challenge," Khan said.

Among the supplies was Bio-Rat (a unique, 'human-friendly' rat poison) and solar-paneling. An hour into Texas they were stopped at an immigration check-point where representatives from the Treasury branch said they would seize the Bio-Rat if it wasn't voluntarily given.

After several hours of deliberating whether to make a stand for the rat-poison, they decided to comply and handed the Bio-Rat over.

"It was totally isolated checkpoint, no phones, nothing around at all," Weedmark said.

A similar confrontation happened July 2nd, when the group Let Cuba Live tried to bring aid across the border from Maine to Quebec, where aid would be sent via boat to Cuba. Authorities seized one third of the aid including expensive medical equipment.

By looking at such a strikingly different way of life, Khan said she feels we can all learn from Cuba.

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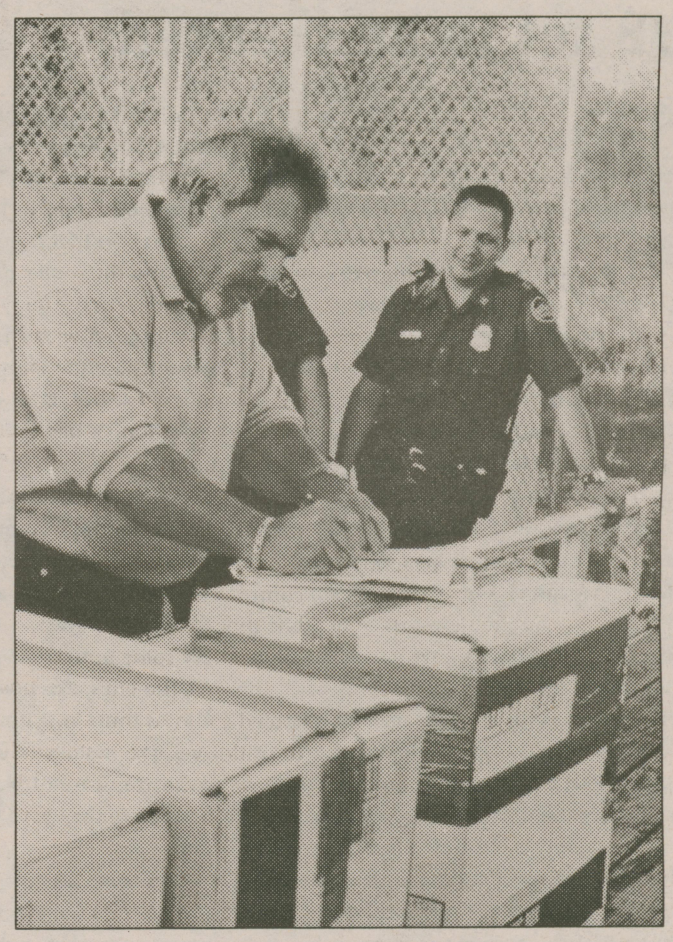

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loans now, and I'm really bitter because I just left a country where everyone is provided for – the basic minimum – equally," she said. "I'm back in a place where that's not happening, and that's really sad because we're a first world country."

While Weedmark said the delivery of aid was mainly a symbolic act, both him and Khan hope their actions will help force the issue into the open. Weedmark called their aid a drop in the bucket of what's needed, and said "It's two-faced to turn their head and ignore us," while the US continues their four-decade economic stranglehold on the island.

Khan added the embargo's effects stretch beyond US-Cuba trade, and other Latin countries are punished with aid-cuts after trading with Cuba.

The caravan ended July 2nd, and our Victorian caravanistas returned home July 28th.

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SUB set to be skanked

by Matthew

Good music doesn't need to be sampled into three-minute sound bites for the local radio station.

Ska's basic message is not mainstream and this is exactly why it ends up being underground. While reggae is slower and more concentrated on bass, ska emphasizes its horns and has a much faster pace.

Chocomo Sound, a ska band, will play at the Sub at 4 p.m. Friday for Stoked, this year's Week of Welcome concert.

Chocomo Sound is a six-piece project put together by Zsolt Sandor, lead singer and guitarist. It feautres Andy Bishop on the sax, Jason Nienaber on the slide trombone, John Crellin on drums, Dave Chokroun on bass and Shaun Brodie on trumpet.

They're a collage of talent from previously existing local bands such as the Bombasts, 1030 for Mike, Las Mariposas and Pressure Cooker. Only the Mariposas are still together.

Chocomo Sound has only played together in this ensemble once before at last year's Ska Fest. According to some local ska enthusiasts they, "rocked the place real good."

The band is a summer gig, which allows the musicians to pursue their love of ska.

Their influences are from the old school of ska, featuring artists such as the Skatalites, The Ethiopians, Ken Boothe, Prince Buster and the Slackers.

It is said that from Ska came life, or at least roots rock, reggae, dance hall and punk music.

My question is if they love it, why don't you? Personally everyone I have met who doesn't know about ska, loves it when they take in their first concert.

This is because at its roots ska is a peoples' music. It is a music about grooving yer ass, surely, but also about us as people and our lives and the flow we are going through. It's like Dylan you can dance to.

If you've ever wondered where the mosh pit came from, you've got ska to thank. Marley? Ska. The Clash? Ska. All punk music has its roots in ska music.

Chocomo Sound will play ska heavies such as the New York Ska Ensemble, Easy Big Fella, and locals the Blood Warmers and the Kilt Lifters.

Chocomo also played an impromptu gig in the basin of the Petch Fountain Wednesday morning to give students a taste of what to expect.

Their sound was smooth.

Good vibes, man.

photo by Darre nStewart

Chocomo Sound gave students a quick sampling of what's to come for Friday. The six-piece ska ensemble will play outside the SUB for the Week of Welcome concer. Come out and shake your booty. Do it.

photo by Kevin Groves

Media stunt man Spencer Estabrooks shocked students standing in line at the University Centre Tuesday when he ran out of the bathroom dressed as a tampon.

Estabrooks performed the gag as a favour for film director buddy Steven Myhill-Jones, who filmed the event for the local short film contest Scrapshots!

The short skit was a play on over-the-top campus product promotions and commercialization. Contest rules state the films must be shot in one take and only use one zoom.

"Think outside the box," Estabrooks yelled, while holding a tampon box and trying to hand the products to horrified students.

Estabrooks will also enter a short film into the contest and is currently thinking of a clever way that Myhill-Jones can return his unique favour.

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Student society Week of Welcome to last all month

by Glenn Wigmore

The University of Victoria Student Society hopes to start the year off right for UVic students by presenting the annual Weeks of Welcome event through September.

"It's an opportunity for the University to welcome back older students and also to invite newer ones to participate in campus activities," Michelle Kinney, director of services for the UVSS said.

Weeks of Welcome (WoW) takes place from the September 7th until the 28th and features a wide variety of events and concerts all for students to check out. All the events will take place at the SUB and are almost all free.

"We are doing the (WoW) differently this year and we hope it will encourage more students to participate," said Kinney. "In previous years, it was usually more like one big event, but this year there are a variety of different activities for all ages, as well as a licensed show. Hopefully this is more accessible for everyone."

The first event is called "Stoked" (see story below for more detals) and is an all-day, outdoor concert with six bands, art shows, "fun-time" inflatables and an issue fair. The issue fair will deal with just that, issues, and will feature representation from a diverse group of organizations ranging from the transplant society to environmental awareness groups.

The one event with a cover charge takes place on September 14th and is called "Intrigue." This licensed happening will feature live bands, dj's, an urban art fair and an atmosphere similar to a grad party.

"This party is to welcome everyone back," said Miko Ross, Resource Coordinator for the UVSS. "The goal is for everyone who shows up to have a great time before getting right back into school."

Intrigue takes place all over the SUB and uses many of the conference rooms inside. The main performance outside will be from Huevos Rancheros, a surf-rock style band, and also from The Smugglers, who feature a garage rock sound. If you head inside to the Michele Pujol room, you'll be treated to an electronic atmosphere with Mr. Mo, dj Jody and Jay Dove. The Soul Sticks, a local Marimba band, will also be playing throughout the night. Finally, Angela DeSombrio and Golden Wedding Band will be performing their own style of jazz in the Pereira lounge. The charge for this whole event will be $15 for students and $18 for non-students.

The UVSS hopes the event will bring in some cash for the society.

"[The Sub Intrigue Party] should sell itself, and the money will go a long way to lower the cost of the other events scheduled," said Miko Ross, Resource Coordinator for the Board of Directors. "We're hoping that it will be successful based on the success of last April's Grad Party."

For those looking for something other than music, the all-day festivities outside the SUB on the 20th might fit the bill. Some of the activities that are taking place on that day are spray-painting art, a wet-paint in and break dancing.

The "Corn and Music Festival" is scheduled for September 21st featuring free corn, and a performance by local bands, Fine-Tuned Blue, Steiner and White Chocolate Conspiracy.

"It's great that the local bands are involved for this performance," Kinney said. "Of course, it is good to have the more recognized bands at some of the other shows, but it's nice for the local bands to have a chance as well."

The WoW project only cost the UVSS a few thousand dollars this year, an improvement over previous years according to UVSS Chairperson, Jaime Matten.

"A few years ago, WoW actually lost several thousand dollars. This year, with the event being multi-venued, it is much closer to being within the budget," said Matten.

Matten said WoW will also serve as an introduction for the role of the UVSS on campus.

"People need to know that the UVSS is there for them and they need to know what it can do for them," said Matten. "If they are interested in clubs, services — like cheap photocopying or campus issues then they need to be aware that the UVSS can fulfill their needs in those and many other areas."

If you would like to find out more details or information about the Weeks of Welcome festivities or the UVSS, visit the SUB in September.

photo by Kevin Groves

Michelle Kinney, Director of Services, holds poster for WoW events

WoW concert more intimate

by Kevin Groves

There is no such thing as a free lunch and no such thing as a free concert but the student society will hold an all-ages outdoor concert this year, free for UVic students.

The marathon rock show starts at noon and will go on until midnight Friday night and is paid for by your student fees and a few friendly corporate sponsors. The society decided to hold a more intimate event this year rather than blow the bank first week on big-name rock-stars and glitzy production like previous student executives.

"The idea is to get new students into the SUB and have an event for them," Michelle Kinney, director of services for the UVSS, said. "There will be a covered stage, beer gardens, open space for dancing, and chairs for those who don't want to dance."

The concert lineup includes a lot of local talent including Vicky, Interstellar Root Cellar, Chocomo Sound, Thundersauce, Iris, and Kia. Campus radio heroes from CFUV will DJ the intermissions and broadcast the event out on Victoria airwaves.

In spite of the need to welcome new UVic students, concerns have been raised about the cost of hosting a free event, especially in he wake of the student government's pledge this year to have the largest surplus in UVSS history. At last estimate the event cost will be about $3,200, a far cry from the tens of thousands spent in previous years. The event will still likely lose money for the society

But UVSS Chair Jaime Matten said that the cost is justifiable in the wake of the benefits available for new members to the student society.

"We are on a tight budget this year, but it's worth losing a bit of money so that students can have some fun before we get too engulfed in papers and exams," Matten said.

Kinney is counting on sales from the beer garden and other events during the week to bring the cost of the concert down to break even levels.

"We're running on a break even budget, but in the end we're expecting to lose some money on it because it's free," Kinney said. "We've been a lot more creative cutting corners this year than in previous years."

Stoked's Friday lineup

Vicky	**Thundersauce**
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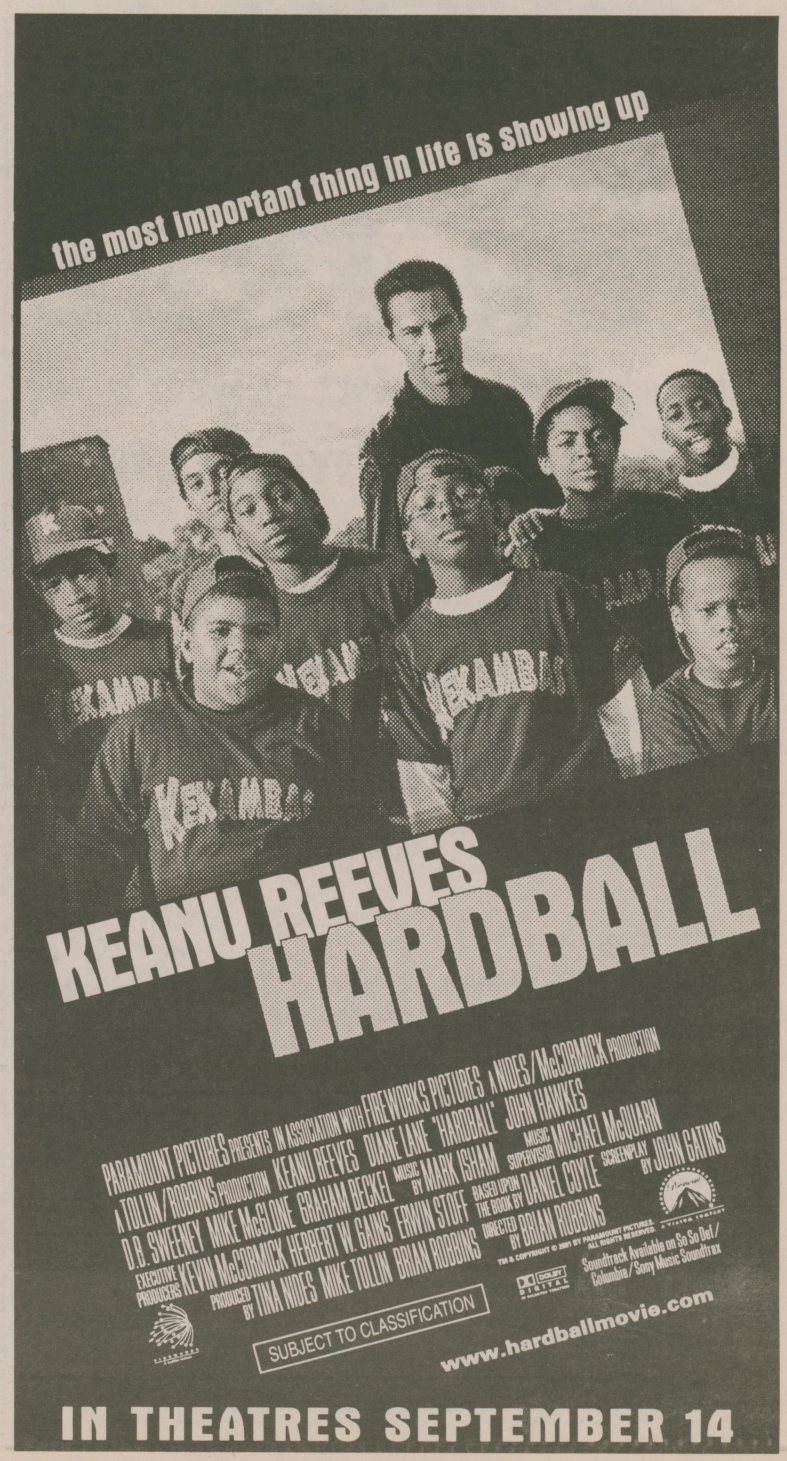
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Campus bar under new management for you

by scott roberts

We were running down the back stairs of my residency building (at UNBC) with a twix of Canadian Club in hand, six friends screaming and charging down with me, smashing (or kicking as the case may have been) the emergency lights off the walls of the stairwell as we passed (extra points if the whole light unit went through the drywall). Then we grabbed our skateboards and skated the freshly polished concrete stairs in the center of our new home. Cute girls walk by, we chat ...

Sure most of you will have different memories of your first week of university than I do, but then again you probably have more options. I was stuck in Prince George, at the University of Northern British Columbia, and the only thing that I was sure of was that there was no bar on campus and that it would be -35 degrees Celsius within 6 weeks. So what did I really have to go on? There wasn't really any good cultural stimulation going on in that stinky pulp mill town so, without liquor, clubs, raves, bands, or good movies, I reverted back to the only other idea of collegiate entertainment I understood.

The archetypes that were sent down from our colleagues of years past, ideas contained within such fine films as *Animal House* and *Revenge of the Nerds* are all we had to look to. And while the internet was amazing and interesting it wasn't nearly as well developed in 1994. So we did what we had to in order to mentally survive our winter in pulp mill hell.

Even though I started my university career somewhere else, we still share certain universal, pre-existing, unchanging truths that percolate throughout all university life. Text books will always be expensive, line ups will always be long, and you will always have at least one prof per semester that you abhore, but having a nightclub on campus is something that few university students get to experience.

Vertigo nightclub was on the brink of disaster over the last few years, losing over $150,000 dollars of student fees, ready to be closed and turned into retail space. That is, until the management of the UVSS decided to give it one last shot. They decided to hire a club manager who can create events that university students want to attend. David Tillson, manager of Hush (previously Rumours) for 19 years, is exactly the person needed to do that job.

> When compared to a country biker bar called the Cadillac Ranch or club 777 you've got it pretty fuckin' good.

Alongside Tillson (they say that you are only as cool as your crew) come some of the best promoters and dj's that this city knows. Instead of having Bill Wack (yes this is a fake name) playing your typical blend of cheesy pop crap or facing the generally poor programming that nearly bankrupted Vertigo, UVic students can now leave the library around midnight, get some beans or some beer and dance for a couple of hours, have a good time, then go back to studying. Perfect. There is, after all, no better way to get prepared for a long night of studying then dancing to high end world renowned dj's such as dj Dan

When compared to a country biker bar called the Cadillac Ranch or club 777 (which was populated by mostly pulp smelling, bottle smashing, ass kickin' locals) you've got it pretty fuckin good.

But it gets better.

Along with the recent closing of Neptune Soundbar comes the inevitable question of where do the most popular nights go? Their funk and disco night, as luck would have it, have come to Vertigo.

Boogie Nights (from the same people who brought you the Players Ball) premiered at Vertigo on Wednesday September 5th. I say premiered because a funky night like this, that is scheduled on the same night as the ever notorious SUB night, is bound to be a gong show.

"Boogie Nights is gonna be hot, fresh and sticky. It's gonna make your booty shake and your inner thigh wiggle," laughs Paul Forshaw from behind his blue tinted vintage glasses, one of the Boogie Nights promoters. "You know, we're all about havin a good time."

My Wednesday night entertainment used to consist of standing near the window at Felicita's, watching the drunk first years come running out of SUB night to puke on their shoes. Trust me it was a lot of fun. Now you can watch them puke in afro wigs while wearing rented polyester. And now you've got a reason to join them. Not only for the prizes that they are giving away (for best dressed and such) but also for the fact that the Wax Daddy (aka Liam Lux) will be bringing you the best funk on the planet. From James Brown to David Byrne your Daddy will be bringing you his fine assortment of funk and disco for your aural pleasure.

When I asked him what he planned to bring to Boogie nights, all he had to say was this, "2% cheese and 98% groove but no ABBA. I am the Wax Daddy, I am your Daddy and I'll take care of you."

Go raid your local vintage shops now, because you definitely want to ready for this one.

But there is, much like life, more to Vertigo than disco and house. The club will also be featuring a regular line up of some of the best bands around. From 54-40 to Bif Naked, Vertigo will bring to this campus a wide varietry of musical masters for your perky little ears or your mosh pit motivated muscles.

And to keep the sports-centric motivated for those long Sunday nights of cramming, Vertigo will also be hosting Sports Zone, a weekly extreme sports video night.

I'm not gonna be around to see a decent club on campus, so like my mom used to say, don't fuck this one up. Get out and support your scene.

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by scott roberts

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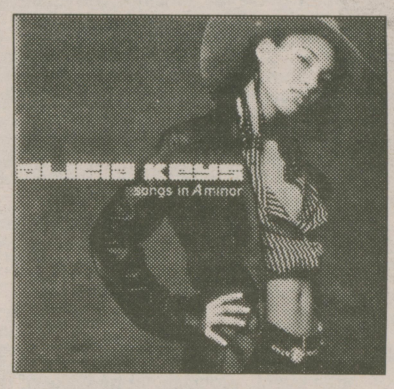
Sounds like: (see above)

Embarrassing moment #62: when they look back in 5 years and realize that having the track listing on your CD player read 69 wasn't as witty as they thought.

Alicia Keys
songs in A minor
j-records



Looks like: Posh Spice meets Missy Elliot

Sounds like: a shallow Mary J Blige meets TLC

Most embarrassing moment: when the realization kicks in that miss Keys was just another late 90's style pop R&B star who didn't make it until (I hope) the bitter end of that musical movement.

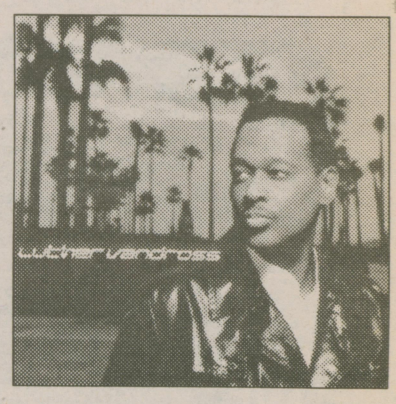
Tyresse
2000 Watts
BMG Records

Looks like: he's wearing a leather Diesel Style Lab vest and matching leather MC Hammer pants.

Sounds like: a New Edition and Barry White fry up

Most embarrassing moment: when it dawns on him that the ten minute docudrama (on the enhanced CD entitled **Tyrese's Diary**) on the Watts ghetto (which features nothing but a few kids smiling and laughing and a couple of shots of the small houses) was really designed by his producers to make him look like a ghetto superstar (to increase record sales in those and many other areas) and not to help get kids out of the ghetto or to change the social structures which keep them there because, after all, he works for General Electric (which owns the label he is on and it says so on the CD as well) which further widens the economic divide that creates those ghettos. Nice try though. I guess it's good to bring attention to a problem but why not look at what causes the problem rather than just the symptoms. I guess Tyrese got played. I'm not surprised.

Luther Vandross
Luther Vandross
j-records



Looks like: he's down to the five piece bucket from the KFC Drive through

Sounds like: the one and only heavy luva himself

Most embarrassing moment: when he realized that people referred to him in terms of his levels of fried chicken consumption.

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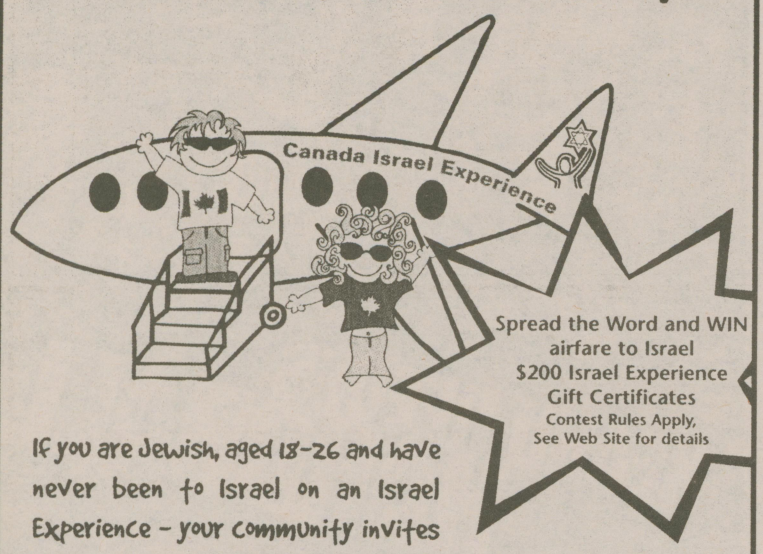

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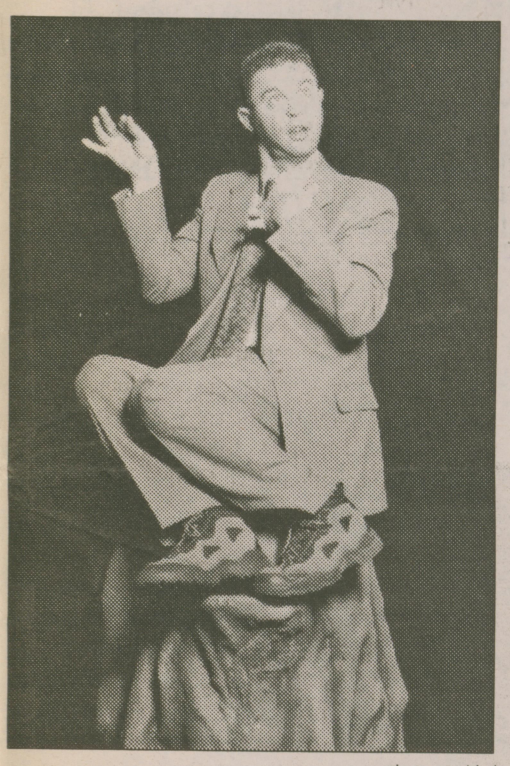
Fringe for thought

by Alex Mercier

Let's get it straight right off: Victoria's 15th annual Fringe Festival of theatre and comedy is over. Kaput. Nada. It ended Sept. 3, right when you were having anxiety attacks about how you'll ever make it to an 8:30 a.m. class on a Friday morning, what to wear tomorrow (admit it, you still care about cool) or how you'll ever live with that crack-smoking, Black Sabbath-loving, never-cleaned-a-dish-in-his-life roommate…or maybe that last part is just me "projecting." But there's always next year, and some of the best of the Fringe may return, so here's a head's up: as August ends and September begins every summer, some of the most dynamic, spontaneous and totally out-there theatre you'll find on this continent comes to town. And it's reasonable too, at $8 per show.

Life After God
TH&B Company and Eclectic Theatre
Wed. Aug. 29

I've always been drawn to the writing of Douglas Coupland, though this adaptation of one of his short stories tackles one of my least favourite works. The one-man show by Dave Eden as narrator Scout has strong production values, with well-placed and chosen music (by sound designer John Gzowski), as well as a few plastic stumps to give the theatre space definition and lighting cues and choices that were mostly well-executed.



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David Eden as the narrator in *Life After God*

Eden, who adapted the story from Coupland's original, does a better job with the oral version than I thought possible. Scout takes us on a tour of a group of friends lives and, in a roundabout way, his own. There's a statistical sample of typical westcoasters: treeplanter, stockbroker, aerobics instructor, porn star, housewife. Scout himself is an amoral salesman for a software company and is ready to break. He's tried to drug a supposedly haywire personal path back to the straight and "normal" but finds his salvation deep in the rain-forest on the west coast of Vancouver Island – and in God, of sorts. Coupland, and by extension, Eden, fail to convince me this work has any heavy meaning and instead is mere voyeurism. But it's worth a look if you're a Coupland fan.

SABOTAGE 2001
Burning Cities New Works Co.
Wed. Aug. 29

Word got out: the place was packed to a level the fire marshal would not be happy with. There was no program, no need for a program. This is anti-program material. It was just the pure mad genius of New Mexico-based duo Mark Chavez and Shenoah Allen, perhaps best described as two men in pyjamas who should be old enough to know better but have decided to listen to their numerous different drummers. Simultaneously. And with no regard for transition, plot, blah-blah. Pure, manic absurdist humour that defies description. The result is Monty Python meets South Park meets Calvin and Hobbes meets the Simpsons meets Life is Hell meets Beavis and Butthead meets SCTV…Oh, I guess that's trying to describe them. Anyway, I laughed so hard that my throat hurt. Fully deserved of its advanced press.

Everybody Knows Ikeeskees
Number Five
Wed. Aug. 29

This play tells four stories based on myths by Chinook poet Qqiltl. Dressed in plain short robes, characters like Robin and Magpie interact with and react to the mischievous Ikeeskees, the Stellar's Jay. Kelly Seaman shows good potential in the lead role, and I found myself wishing he was performing solo instead of other characters entering a scene and breaking the spell of transformation. The young Sabrina Roberts showed much promise in her role as Anektshcholemich -- let's hope we see both of these actors on stage again at next year's Fringe. The other actors struggled in their roles, never convincing me that they were crucial to the plot, which may be the fault of playwright Carey Ditmars or could be a result of the cast not bonding well.

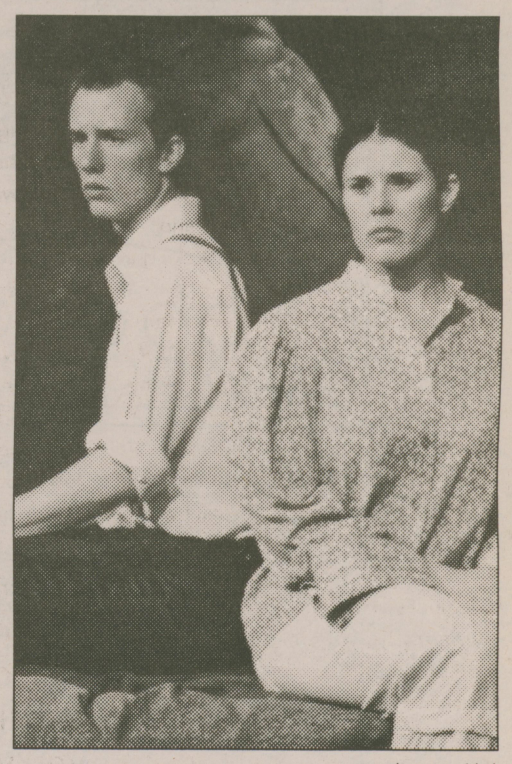
Don't even get me started about the cultural appropriation by a non-aboriginal troupe. But now that you brought it up…naw. Too big a target, too easy. Mainstream society has not gone beyond using aboriginal peoples as an item of exotica and the result is productions like this one. Lastly, music could have made the production stronger.

Tuesdays and Sundays
D & M Productions
Thurs. Aug. 30

Despite its sizable capacity, the Victoria Conservatory of Music's auditorium was packed, with a line up of people waiting for any stray tickets that may float their way. Some were disappointed, no doubt. But if any of the fortunate audience members were disappointed, I didn't see them.

Once the audience shuffled in and the lights dimmed, William and Mary (who sat frozen on stage while this happened) came to life, tentatively asking each other questions and slowly revealing their shared history. The actors are brilliant and the cleverly written script alternates between dialogue and exposition, moving the action through blunt, short sentences and using the enunciated language of the prairie. Add to this the warm stage lighting and the simple, small hanging lanterns that provide setting, and you have a formula for a near-perfect Fringe act.

This Edmonton-based production garnered well-deserved raves from its home-town media during its extended run at the Edmonton Fringe; the Victoria production builds on this success.



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Daniel Arnold and Medina Hahn in *Tuesdays and Sundays*

Weaverville Waltz
Loraine Jane Productions
Thurs. Aug. 30

An hour-and-a-half may not seem like enough time to tell a life, but Randy Rutherford comes close in this spell-inducing story of childhood pleasures, mishaps and fears. Using a Woody Allen approach to autobiography, Rutherford sketches a story of a small boy prodded by an alcoholic, insecure stepfather to do things he doesn't want to do (play football, listen to country and western music, drink alcohol) and the results are both comic and tragic. Randy dreams of a final solution to his parenting problems, but can't follow through in fear that he will murder his own mother, who treats him only with kindness. He experiences many teenage adventures near his home in a trailer court in the small northern California town of Weaverville before falling in love and capturing the heart of a pretty cheerleader named Cheryl. Their eventual breakup has a profound effect on Randy – and to his surprise, Cheryl. Rutherford tells a gentle story without resorting to sentimentality.

A Human Nature
Yayoi & Rakudo
Thurs. Aug. 30

The Tokyo-based dance mime troupe provided a stunning conclusion to a great evening of theatre. The group of three men and three women showed finesse and humour in presenting its lively pieces set to electronica music. A personal favourite was the birthing of a dancer from under a clear plastic sheet. Rather stunning.

CD REVIEW

David Gogo rocks Denman Island

by Dixon McGowan

David Gogo
Halfway to Memphis

This cd is very very good and it rocks. I saw David Gogo on Denman Island with a band called the Persuaders and he rocked until the roof came off. I heard him at a bar called Harpo's with another band called Seventh Stone and they blew the roof off that bar too. I saw Gogo on Demovision, a tv show that was taped in 1997. I have his first cd and it rocks too. This cd is definitely worth buying.

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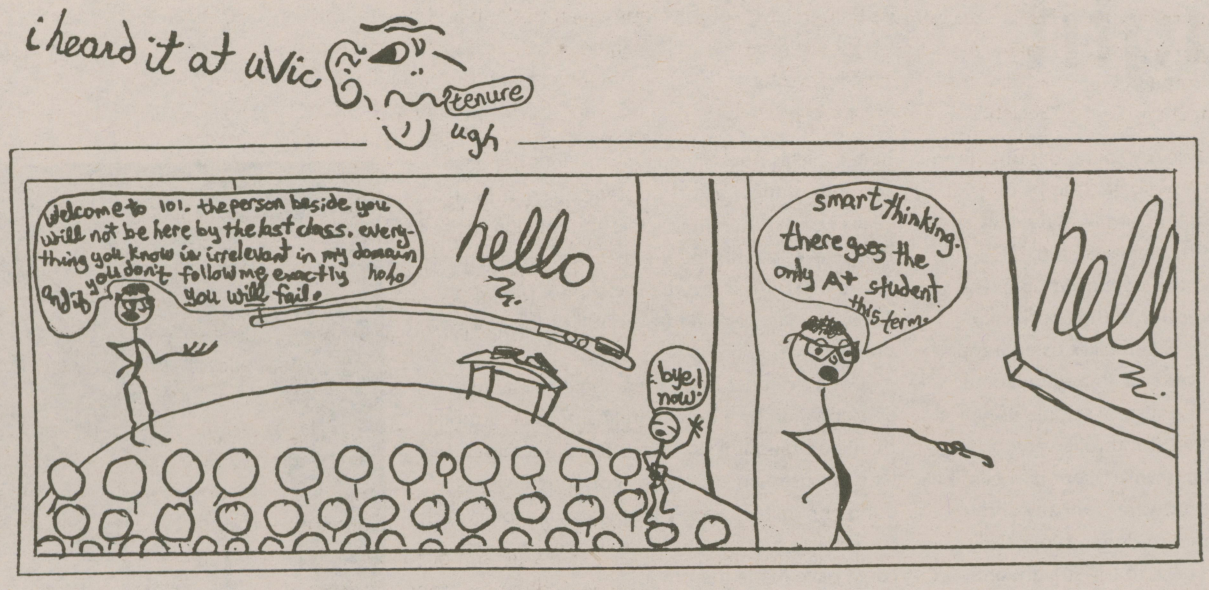
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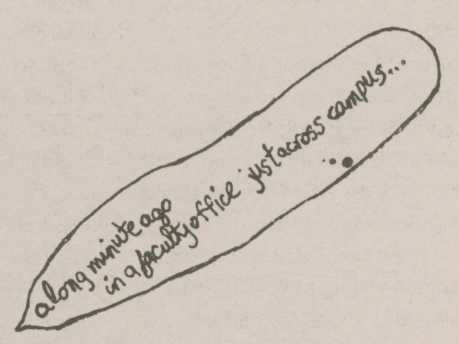

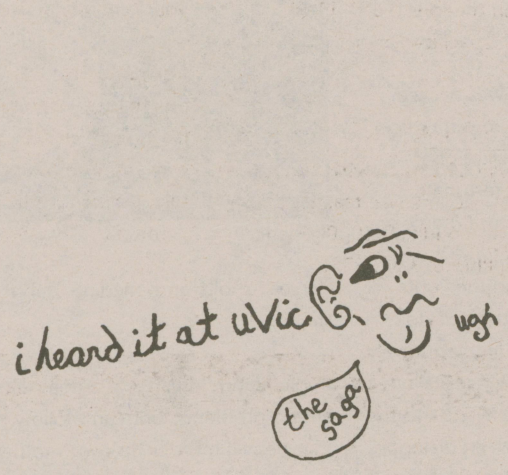

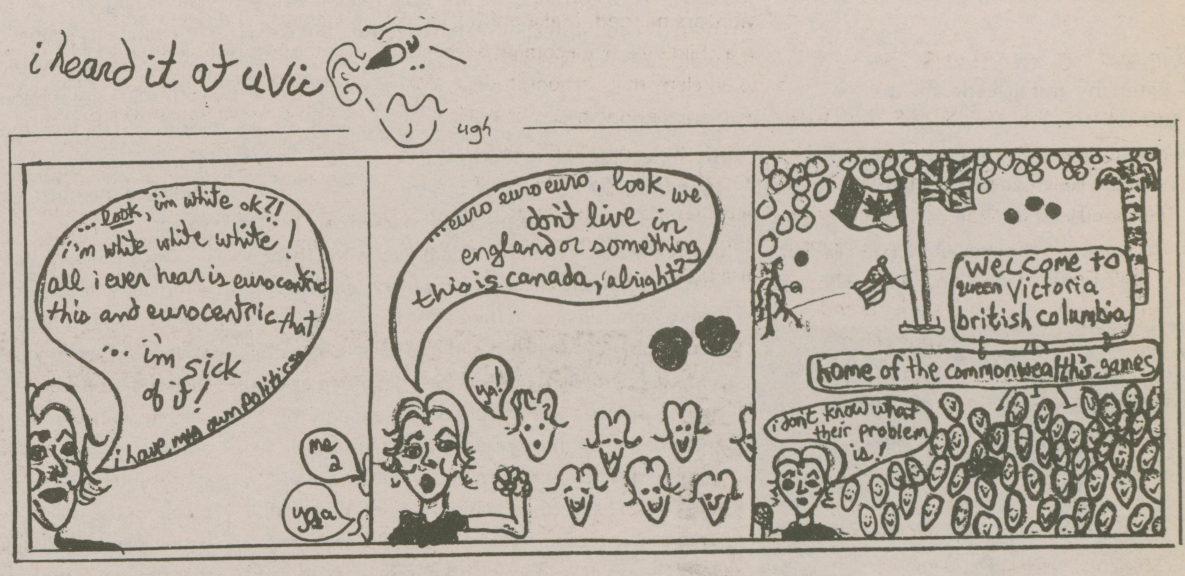
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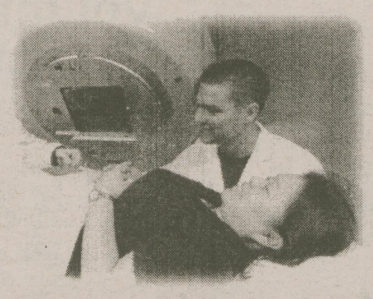

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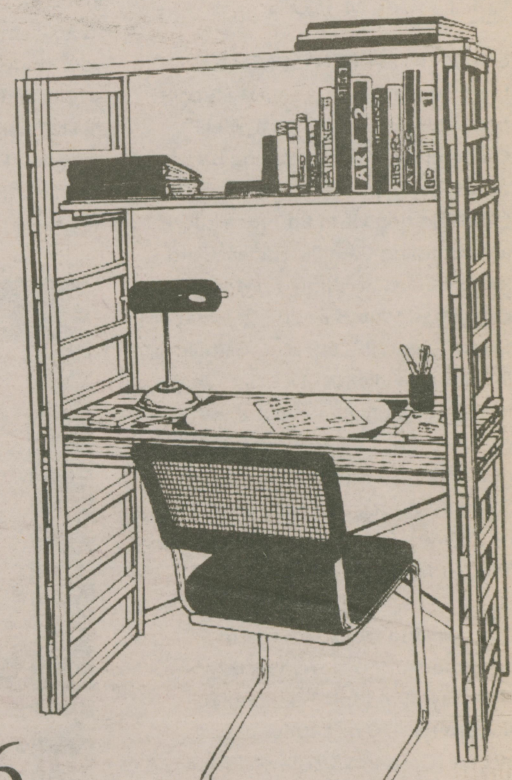

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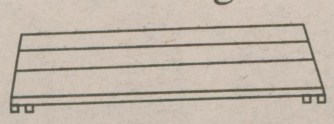

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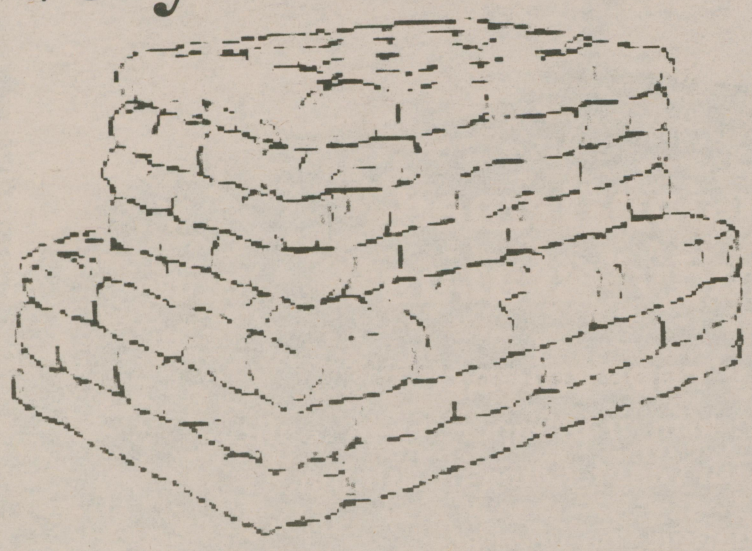

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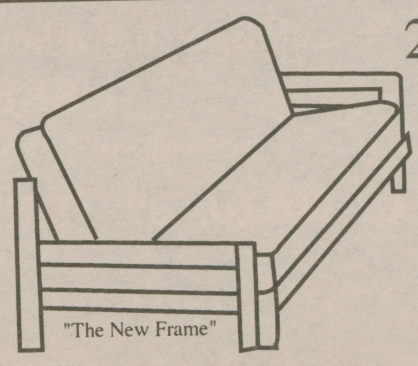

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